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*People of the Fire*

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## CPN Legislature makes history



Reps. Paul Wesselhoft, Lisa Kraft, and Paul Schmidkofer, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Chairman John Barrett, and Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale tackle business in historic first video-teleconference session of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Legislature.

As the Citizen Potawatomi Nation government marches forward in a form designed to bring its members everywhere more fully into decision-making, the Nation has embraced another history-making event. On September 4, the CPN legislature met for the first time ever in a session that blended in-person attendance by Oklahoma-based legislators with attendance via video-teleconference by lawmakers from the districts outside the

tribe's home base.

Tribal leaders believe the Nation had already made history through its members' creating a legislature with eight districts that encompass the 49 states outside Oklahoma. That was done to place decision-making power more fully in tribal members' hands. Some 19,000 of the Nation's 27,000-plus members live outside Oklahoma.

The legislature had met twice prior to

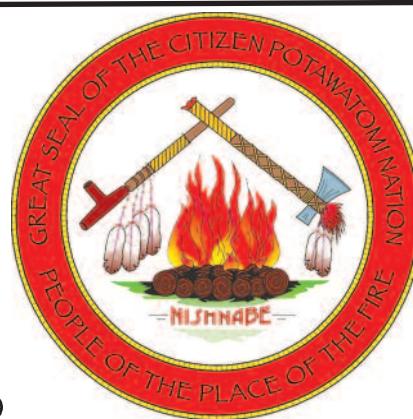
September's history-making session – once in April 2008 for organization and orientation for new legislators and again in late June, on the Monday following Family Reunion Festival. However, the outside-Oklahoma lawmakers came to tribal headquarters for both of those meetings.

For the September 4 meeting, the eight lawmakers from Oklahoma gathered in the legislative chamber at tribal headquarters. Their remaining seven colleagues (District #8 Rep. Jacqueline Taylor, who walked on in July will not be replaced until the election in June) joined the session via the teleconferencing equipment.

The technology allows each legislator to see all of his colleagues on a video monitor. Chairman John Barrett, acting as the legislature's speaker, uses a touch-screen panel to pass off speaking opportunities to lawmakers who have indicated, by pressing a button, that they have something to say. The picture of the legislator "with the floor" moves to a superior position among

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## Walking On

**Viola L. 'Ma' Jines**

Our precious one, Viola L. 'Ma' Jines, has gone to be with the Lord at the age of 102. She passed away on Thursday, July 24, 2008 in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. She was born March 2, 1906 in Konawa, Oklahoma, the daughter of Thomas and Inez (Rhodd) Little. She was raised on a farm in Hughes County, Oklahoma.

She graduated from Dustin, Oklahoma High School, and received her Bachelor's degree in teaching from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. She taught grades one through 12 in a small country school before moving to Oklahoma City and marrying K.R. Jines in 1930. They lived on the south side of Oklahoma City for many years until moving to Bethel

Acres in the early 70s.

Ma continued to live in Bethel Acres until moving to Sunset Estates three years ago. She enjoyed being a homemaker, and helped raise several nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. A woman of many talents, she worked as a seamstress for John A. Brown, as well as many other jobs throughout her life. She was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church for many years, and Citizen Potawatomi Nation member.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1973; her parents; a son, Dan Jines; a daughter, Jo Rita Cunningham; a granddaughter, Shiree Randell; three sisters, Anita McClain, Dolly Barnes, and Vida Robison; and a brother.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly & Glenn Hughes; her grandchildren, Sallee Caro, Sheila Hughes, Kenny Marcus, Debbie Scott, Janae Hill, Mike Marcus, Casey Larimore, Tony Marcus, Danelle Jines, Danna Jines, Jessica Jines, and Jade Jines; 12 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and special friends.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 28 at Resthaven Memory Gardens in Oklahoma City with Rev. Leroy Pound officiating, under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh. To share memories or to sign the guest book on-line, go to [www.cooper-funeral.com](http://www.cooper-funeral.com).

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**James B. 'J.B.' Pearl**

ST. MARYS, KANSAS - James B. 'J.B.' Pearl, 84, died Thursday, August 21, 2008, at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. He was born July 3, 1924 on a farm near St. Marys, the son of Thomas M. and Florence G. (Doyle) Pearl. Mr. Pearl attended James Grade School in rural Shawnee County. He graduated from Immaculate Conception Catholic High School in 1942. He served proudly in the United States Navy during WWII (1944-1946) in the South Pacific at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He was honored to be a part of the "Greatest Generation."

After being discharged from the Navy, he returned to the St. Marys area and farmed with his grandfather, James Doyle. Mr. Pearl farmed for many years before he founded J.B. Pearl Sales and Service in 1961. The company was awarded the National Ag Retailer of the Year award in 2003. Mr. Pearl brought new and innovative ideas to agriculture. As an entrepreneur, he always used the positive approach gained from reading and attending seminars.

Mr. Pearl was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, a lifetime member of Knights of Columbus Council No 657, and the Historical Society, all in St. Marys. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion. He was a member of and past board member of the NFSNA. Mr. Pearl was also a member of the Agriculture Retailers Association and the Kansas Agriculture Retailers Association. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the CPN Veterans Organization.

He enjoyed gardening, fishing, and

woodworking. He and his wife, Eileen, traveled through all 50 states as well as England and Ireland. J.B. never knew a stranger, and had friends everywhere.

On May 9, 1949, he was married to Dorothy Eileen Seitz at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Marys. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include three sons, Mike Pearl, Doyle Pearl and his wife Laura, and Don Pearl and his wife Patty, all of St. Marys; two daughters, Pat Kuhn and her husband Randy of Shawnee, Kansas and Susan Johnston and her husband Clark, Aurora, Colorado; a daughter-in-law, Claire Pearl of St. Marys; two brothers, Robert Pearl and his wife Joyce of Parma Heights, Ohio and Jerry Pearl and his wife Hildegard of St. Marys; three sisters, Marjorie Guerich of St. Marys, Virginia Pearl CSJ, of Pawnee Rock, Kansas, and Maureen Harris and her husband Charles of Topeka; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

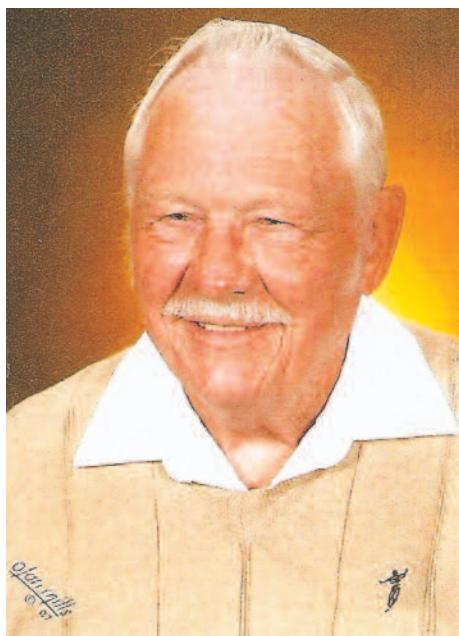
Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, August 25, 2008 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Marys. Interment was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery at St. Marys.

Mr. Pearl lay in state after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 24 at the church where there was a Prayer Vigil at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Endowment Fund or the Children's Miracle Network at St. Francis Hospital and sent in care of Piper Funeral Home in St. Marys. Online condolences may be sent to [www.piperfuneralhome.com](http://www.piperfuneralhome.com).

### **Billy Ray Yates**

Billy Ray Yates, 70, of Pensacola, Florida, passed away at a local hospital on August 6, 2008 after a brief illness. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Bill was born in Concho, Oklahoma in 1937. He enlisted in the United States Navy in June 1958. After serving proudly with the Navy at various duty stations, he retired as a Master Chief with more than 25 years of distinguished service. His medals include the Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal. He then



continued to serve the Navy for 15 years with the Civil Service.

Following his military and civil service, Bill continued to assist family, friends, and the community as a tax professional. Bill was a master woodworker, an avid gardener, and a member of the Panhandle Dart League. He was a kind, generous, and loving friend to everyone he met.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Myrtle Yates, and brothers Jimmie Joe and Albert Yates. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Margaret; six daughters, Mary Chandler and her husband Mike of Clarksville, Tennessee, Pat Gregory, Debbie Yates, Peggy Yates, Tina Dunson and her husband Tim, and Cathy Yates, all of Pensacola, two brothers: Mickey Yates and his wife Betty and Clyde Yates; six grandchildren, Michael Chandler and his wife Kelli, Sgt. Matthew Chandler, Bobby Gregory, Samantha Yates, and Brittany and Allen Dunson, and great-grandson Madden Chandler.

The family received visitors from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, at Oak Lawn Funeral Home. A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 11, at the funeral home; interment followed with full military honors at Barrancas National Cemetery.

The family extends a special thank you to the nurses in the Cardiac Care Unit at West Florida Hospital.

Oak Lawn Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

#### Dane D. Wano

Dane D. Wano of Denver, Colorado passed away on July 17, 2008, following a

courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Ruth Murray and Benjamin Austin Wano in 1931.

Dane Wano spent his youth in Rossville and St. Marys, Kansas. He graduated from St. Marys High School in 1949. He served in the U.S. Army, where he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He graduated from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas with a degree in business administration. He worked for many years as an insurance examiner for several states, including Kansas.

Dane Wano is survived by his children Linda Harper and her husband Michael of Reno, Nevada, Cindy Wano of Pratt, Kansas, Dane Alan Wano and his wife Lisa and son Zach of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, and Mark Wano of Royal Palm Beach. He is also survived by his brother Ben A. Wano and his wife Nadine of Kansas City, Kansas and his sister Noreen Slease and her husband Brad of Wilmington, Delaware.

Interment was at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver.

#### Harold Richard 'Dick' Pearce



Harold Richard 'Dick' Pearce, 82, of Palm Springs, California was born October 26, 1925 and passed away on June 4, 2008. Dick Pearce was born in Kansas City, Kansas, the son of Elizabeth (Kuklenski) Pearce and Christopher Pearce. He was the fifth of their six children.

At the age of two, Dick contracted polio. As a result, it strengthened his resolve, and it did not limit his active lifestyle or hinder his academic or career ambitions and successes. Aside from the limp in his gait due to lift on his affected leg, you would never have known that Dick had any sort of physical impediment. He was inspirational in his ability to overcome his adversity.

Dick graduated from Bishop Ward High

School in Kansas City, Kansas and went on to Kansas University where he graduated with degrees in Biology and Chemistry. In 1950, Dick was married to Norma Aker of Kansas City, Missouri. In pursuit of Dick's desire to become a teacher, they moved to California in 1952.

His first job was as a chemist at Lockheed in Long Beach. He simultaneously finished his Master's degree and was 20 units short of getting his Doctorate in Chemistry by the time he ceased his academic studies.

Dick's first teaching job was as a Chemistry teacher at La Puente High School; he was there for seven years. During that time, he and Norma lived in La Puente, and by then their family included their daughters Heather and Melanie.

Dick's next career move was to Palos Verdes High School where again he taught Chemistry and Biology. Eventually, he was promoted to Department Head of the Science Department. Later, he became a Counselor at Palos Verdes High School. When he began at Palos Verdes, he moved his family to Los Alamitos, California, where the family grew to include his daughter Paula and his son Kevin.

In the evenings, Dick worked at Southern California Regional Occupational Center. In his retirement, he was a counselor at Sherman Indian School in Riverside, California, and volunteered at 122nd Elementary School in Los Angeles, California.

In 1975, Dick and Norma divorced. Dick continued to be a devoted son-in-law to his former mother-in-law, Edie Aker. He assisted her tremendously in her final years, after Norma died 1995. He was a supportive ex-husband.

Dick had a great love of the outdoors and took his family camping a lot. He was a Boy Scout leader, member of the Knights of Columbus, member of Southern California Teachers Association, CCD teacher, and fantastic cook and baker. He did not like idle moments and was always doing something to make this world a better place.

After 1975, Dick lived in various towns in Southern California, the last years at Rossmoor Leisure World in Seal Beach. His final two glorious years were spent at Sunrise Assisted Living in Palm Springs near his daughter Paula and her family.

Dick was equally proud of his mother's Polish and his father's Citizen Potawatomi heritage. He was on the tribal rolls of the

Citizen Potawatomi Nation, as are his children and grandchildren. During his visits to family in Kansas City, he enjoyed the wonderful Polish foods of his childhood and youth. He attended Pow Wows in Shawnee, Oklahoma as well. He was devoted to his Catholic faith.

Dick is survived by his daughters Heather Watkins, Melanie Wright and her husband Drew, Paula Cameranesi and her husband Patrick, and his son, Kevin (Patricia) Pearce. Also surviving Dick are his grandchildren Maureen Watkins; Tiffany, Dane, and Spencer Wright; Jenan and Shane Cameranesi; and Aaron Pearce. He is survived by his beloved aunt Marie Dennis and his brother Norman Pearce and his wife Marsha, as well as his much-loved cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Dick was an accomplished and respected member of all his communities and his presence will be missed by all who knew him.

#### Gerald R. 'Jerry Mac' McLaughlin



Gerald R. 'Jerry Mac' McLaughlin, 79, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, died Thursday, September 4, 2008, in Shawnee. Jerry was born October 23, 1928, in Macomb, Oklahoma, the son of Raymond Arnold and Lila (Kime) McLaughlin.

He moved to Exeter, California at a young age. After his marriage, he moved to Mansfield, Missouri, living there for 30 years before moving back to California. He then moved to the Citizen Potawatomi Elder Center where he has lived for the past seven years.

He was united in marriage on June 30, 1951, to Cora McIntosh in Exeter, California.

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HowNiKan archive created for Web site, too

## CPN announces new audio HowNiKan availability

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has announced availability of an audio version of the *HowNiKan* for tribal members with sight impairments. Using NaturalReader 2007 software, the Public Information Department produces a "books-on-tape" version of the *HowNiKan*.

"The NaturalReader software allows us to produce the audio version of a *HowNiKan* in about a half-hour," said Michael Dodson, CPN Public Information Director and *HowNiKan* editor. "The software provides a couple of male and a couple of female voices. So, I rotate among them to provide variety for the listener."

Dodson said that the voices are still somewhat less than totally lifelike but do read in an inflected manner. "Despite this slight shortcoming, this will offer sight-impaired tribal members an opportunity to enjoy the positive inspiring stories about tribal members' accomplishments and news about the CPN, and its program, enterprises, and members," Dodson added.

The one portion of the *HowNiKan* on which the digital voices have significant difficulty is the Language Department page. "The digital voices are designed for the English language, and don't do well pronouncing words in the Potawatomi language," Dodson pointed out. For that reason, Language Program director Justin Neely will voice that section for the audio *HowNiKan*.

Dodson said that his department will produce an audio version of each *HowNiKan* upon its being completed and sent to the printer. "We will post it to the Nation's Web site, allowing for easy and immediate download to members' own computers," he explained. "We will also burn the audio *HowNiKan* to CDs that can be played on any computer or in a typical CD player."

The online download is available at this location on the CPN's Web site: <http://www.potawatomi.org/Services/HowNiKan/default.aspx>.

In conjunction with the Health Aids Foundation, which has been instrumental in coordinating development of the audio *HowNiKan*, a survey accompanies this article. Joyce Abel, Health Aids director, asked that tribal members who can use this or similar services, or relatives of tribal members who can use the service, to complete the survey form and return it to Audio *HowNiKan* Survey, Health Aids Foundation, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801.

Dodson said that, in addition to the audio *HowNiKan* project, the Public Information Department is moving toward completion of a project to place all editions of the *HowNiKan* ever published on www.Potawatomi.org. "Using a new wide-format scanner, the department has produced scanned versions of all *HowNiKans*," he said. "They are being digitally optimized and placed in desktop publishing software layout so they can be turned into PDF documents to be placed in the *HowNiKan* section on the Web site."

Recent editions of the newspaper have already been placed on the Web site. New ones are being added as they are ready. Within the next few weeks, the Public Information Department will begin work on a searchable database for the *HowNiKans*. "When that is finished, a user will be able to plug a keyword, such as 'Potawatomi,' into the dedicated search engine and get a set of links for each *HowNiKan* in which that word appears," Dodson said.

Dodson encouraged tribal members to provide ideas for enhancing the Web site's and the *HowNiKan*'s utility.

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- Tribal Programs

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## Potawatomi Trail of Death remembrance visits Hannibal, Missouri area

by Brent Engel, Hannibal, Missouri  
*Courier-Post*

Palmyra, MO - A loathsome chapter of American history is jumping from behind the cloak of time. The 170th anniversary of the Potawatomi Trail of Death was observed at stops in the Hannibal, Missouri region in late September. A caravan including descendants, Potawatomi tribal members, and others who want to keep alive the memory of the 1838 forced march passed through or stopped in Naples, Perry, Liberty, and Quincy in West-Central Illinois and West Quincy, Palmyra, and Paris in Northeast Missouri.

Steve Tieken is director of the North American Archaeological Institute and helped plan many of the area stops. "This is more of a spiritual journey for them," Tieken said. "They're trying to keep that heritage alive."

The 1838 Trail of Death began on September 4 in northern Indiana with the forced march of 860 Potawatomi by the United States government under terms of the Indian Removal Act of 1830, which dictated that all tribes be relocated west of the Mississippi River. When the 660-mile trek ended on Nov. 4 in eastern Kansas, typhoid fever and the stress of the journey had killed more than 40 tribal members. Most of the victims were children and older people.

The first area stop was for lunch on Wednesday, September 24 in Perry, Illinois, followed by a 4 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Quincy and a community supper on Quinsippi Island. After breakfast in Palmyra on Thursday, the group visited the Josephine Gander farm between Palmyra and Monroe City. That was followed by lunch and a museum visit in Paris.

The caravan spent Thursday night in Moberly, Missouri and completed its tour on Sunday, September 28. In Palmyra, the Heritage Seekers were the hosts. "When we heard they were passing through, we thought we should acknowledge that," said Becky Taylor, the group's president. "In the diaries we have, it is indicated that one of the (Potawatomi) women died here."



*Photo by Brent Engel, Hannibal, Missouri  
Courier-Post - Patty Hall, left, Becky Taylor, and George Keller of Palmyra Heritage Seekers stand next to a monument commemorating a Potawatomi Trail of Death campsite along U.S. 61 north of Palmyra. A caravan of Potawatomi descendants visited the area in late September.*

The 1838 encampment was from Oct. 11-13 at Pleasant Spring north of Palmyra. A stone monument that was dedicated Oct. 6, 2001 rests near the site at the junction of U.S. 61 and County Road 320. "They've done a terrific job of getting these campsites marked," Taylor said. "Now, they're going back to put up highway markers."

In Paris, the Monroe County Historical Society was the host. "I can't imagine walking that far and being sick and having kids and following a path, but they did it," said society president Nancy Stone.

The 1838 encampment settled in a valley along the Salt River northeast of Paris. A marker on the lawn of the county courthouse commemorates the journey. This week's visit "put a personality" on the trek, Stone said. "We do not study history in-depth, anymore."

The caravan makes its trip every five years and is in the process of putting up additional signs marking the Trail of Death. Tieken, an archaeologist who continues the search for physical clues to the Trail of Death, hopes the caravan will reawaken an interest in area history. If nothing else, he said, it may help break down stereotypes.

Native Americans "are still alive and their (descendants) are still here," Tieken said. "They face the same problems we all do."

Loretta Miller, Randy Hall will leave a void

## CPN Clinic retirees honored



*Clinic Director Randy Hall makes an important point during Public Health Nurse Loretta Miller's retirement reception. Hall was honored the following day upon his own retirement.*

**Reported & written by Sheila Hughes**

In August, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation bid farewell to two devoted, long-time employees. Loretta Miller, Public Health Nurse, and Randy Hall, clinic Director, retired from their positions at the CPN Health Services.

The halls of the Title VI Program cafeteria in the Wellness Center were decked with streamers, balloons, and fourteen long-stem, red roses to commemorate Miller's her years of service. Various photographs of she and her family were displayed, along with cards and presents.

As the Nation's Public Health Nurse, it was her responsibility to assist the director and to see that patients received the best care possible. She succeeded marvelously.

There was standing room only at Miller's retirement reception as tribal officials, fellow employees, family members, and friends turned out to acknowledge her service. Chairman John Barrett presented her with an Indian tote bag and jokingly said, "You can fill this with casino winnings now that you have some extra time on your hands." He commended Miller for her dedication to her job, her patients, and the Nation.

Joyce Abel, R.N. and current director of the CPN Health Aid Foundation, remi-

nised about the early years when the clinic was manned by a small crew of four nurses, a physician's assistant, and a pharmacist. Abel also expressed her love for Loretta Miller and said she regrets a future in which "(I) will no longer be daily graced with your presence."

Joe LaRue, Pharmacy Co-coordinator, said he considers Miller a "dear friend, always helpful and supportive." LaRue presented her a Pendleton blanket, significant of shelter for the rest of her life.

Retiring clinic director Hall thanked Miller for all her assistance and expressed appreciation for her continued excellence. He spoke of his enjoyment while working with her, as they had forged a tremendous bond. He recognized her as "a major asset to the operations of the medical facility." Hall introduced two of Miller's three daughters, her sons-in law, and three precious grandchildren.

As he guest of honor took the floor, she thanked everyone for considering her one of the family. Miller commented that "this has been a wonderful place to work" and noted how dearly she will miss her job, her patients, and those who worked alongside her. She thanked tribal officials for allowing her to do her job to the best of her ability.

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A CPN member, an amazing birth story

## The Red Sky Movement



**Dr. D'Anne R. Stephens administers blood to Liberty Belle, the rescued pit bull whose amazing saga continues to reveal the horrific plight of abused innocents of the Staffordshire terrier breed. The photos at right show the very pregnant and emaciated Liberty Belle shortly after she was rescued and with her belly marked by Dr. Stephens for emergency Caesarian-section surgery to bring her 13 puppies into the world.**

by Joy Tuberville

Dr. D'Anne Stephens, an Arlington, Texas veterinarian and Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, didn't miss a beat as she made the phone call directing her mother to bring her own personal boxer babies to function as blood donors. "This is the most pregnant dog I've ever seen!" Dr. Stephens exclaimed.

She said, "I've tried to induce labor twice. We've got to do an emergency c-section right now, and she'll need blood, and bring the girls (Dr. D'Anne's children), too! I'll need all the help I can get!"

After quickly cancelling all appointments, Dr. Stephens' staff drafted everyone in the clinic -receptionists, clients waiting with their own dogs, rescuers, as well as her own vet-savvy children- to assist as she cut into the emaciated and bizarrely pregnant pit bull, Liberty Belle.

Dr. Stephens' adoring clients pulled money from their own pockets, while some even drove to purchase heating pads, baby bottles, doggie infant formula, anything needed by the squirming new lives who were rapidly popping out of the poor dog as if shot out of a cannon.

The bloody, packed operating room was at once intensely saddening while also being remarkably inspiring, as the makeshift team did as they were told by the heroic vet who galvanized them to



ensure the survival of both the mother and her offspring.

My task, as Liberty Belle's rescuer, was to take the dogs handed off by this remarkably talented vet, who slung them to remove the birth debris and get them breathing. I dried them off and handed them down the line to the assemblage of those who had been drafted to save lives.

"Wait, this one's not breathing!" I heard myself exclaim as I watched and worked, marveling at this most miraculous sight.

"Hold it up here," Dr. Stephens advised as she pulled down her face mask while continuing to surgically remove the huge litter which steadily evolved before our eyes. "Right here!"

She was moving fast, giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to the little non-breather, all while moving the scalpel precisely to free pups from the second womb.

The pup finally began breathing, and now there were two more to be dried and handed down the line. I felt derelict in my duties, as Dr. Stephens never got behind in this intense and unexpected turn her day had taken.

Thirteen precious and living puppies later, the bottle feeding had already begun as the Dream Team, composed of any one who was available, all meticulously followed the orders of Liberty Belle's guardian angel, Dr. D'Anne R. Stephens.

I've learned that Dr. Stephens always operates in this mode of rendering aid to abused and neglected animals. It is who she is!

"My interest is in the animals, not the bottom line," says Dr. Stephens, as she labors to extract a tooth and scrape the jaw bone of a bait dog rescued from the same area where Liberty Belle and seven other pit bulls were being used to breed dogs for the reprehensible "sport" of dog fighting.

This bait dog with the rotted teeth was named Red Sky, this to reflect the blood that flows routinely in the neighborhood from which he, Liberty Belle, Pearl Bailey, and a host of other dogs have been used in the ghastly enterprise of fighting dogs for money.

The Red Sky Movement is a fund set up at Dr. Stephens' office to help pay for all the medicine, labor, tests, and expenses that she is incurring on an ongoing basis to help the victims of the local dog-fighting atrocities.

Since saving Liberty Belle and her pups, Dr. Stephens has treated, boarded, performed surgery on, and generally vetted 16 dogs from Liberty's old neighborhood, unfortunately the Red Sky fund is desperately in the red also.

Blossom, Red Sky, and Pearl Bailey, all from the same neighborhood and heartworm positive, have undergone expensive boarding, treatments, various surgeries, and general vetting, and we of the Red Sky Movement desperately need donations to fund this ongoing effort to rescue and treat the hapless and innocent residue of the macabre business of dog-fighting.

Dr. Stephens is definitely doing her part in not charging for many of the surgeries, boardings, as well as much of her own labor that she has been known to kick in at no cost.

Please do your part as well and donate to the Red Sky Movement - a fund set up for the treatment of dog-fighting victims. Please help us rescue and get vet care for more of these dogs.

The neighborhood from which they come is a high-crime area, filled with drug dealers, gangs, and pedophiles (I looked it up on the net).

Dog fighting is the gateway into many of these illegal activities, this is a proven fact.

Contact Park Plaza Animal Clinic and tell the receptionist that you want to donate to the Red Sky Movement. The phone number is 817-277-1873.

## Wesselhöft's Wins



**Rep. Paul Wesselhöft**

CPN legislator Paul Wesselhöft worked his way through a very busy electoral season in 2008, gaining and retaining a seat in the new CPN legislature and retaining his seat in the Oklahoma legislature. The latest of Rep. Wesselhöft's electoral victories happened in Oklahoma's Primary Election on Tuesday, July 29.

In the Republican Party primary for his House District 54 seat, Wesselhöft outpolled his lone opponent, Dustin McGowen, 1,659 to 541. Getting 75.41% of the primary vote in his heavily Republican, south Oklahoma City district earned Wesselhöft another two-year term in the Oklahoma House. There was no Democratic Party challenger.

This will be Rep. Wesselhöft's third term in the Oklahoma legislature, where he serves on the Industry & Labor, Economic Development & Financial Services, Energy, and Veterans Committees. He is chairman of the Industry & Labor Committee.

Early in 2008, Wesselhöft defeated one other candidate to earn a spot in the Oklahoma legislature, the District #9 seat in Oklahoma. As part of the procedure for staggering initial re-election dates for the new tribal lawmakers, the District #9 seat came up for re-election just a few months later, in the election that culminated with voting at the Family Reunion Festival in late June.

In that election, Wesselhöft defeated one opponent, earning a four-year term in the CPN legislature. Thus, over a six-month period, Wesselhöft won three elections for his two seats, representing the Citizen Potawatomis of Oklahoma in their tribal legislature and the residents of Moore and south Oklahoma City in the Oklahoma State Legislature.

# Back In The Office Again

by Wayne Trotter, Editor, Tecumseh Countywide & Shawnee Sun



*Former Shawnee city manager Jim Collard has assumed a new position at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, in charge of economic development efforts.*

Former Shawnee City Manager Jim Collard is back on the job again doing something he loves in the place he wants to live – Shawnee, Oklahoma. Collard, who was fired June 16 by a City Commission bent on finding a new direction, began working on Thursday of last week as director of planning and economic development for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

When he was interviewed by The Countywide & Sun, Collard didn't have a computer on his desk yet and was looking forward to his first tour of the yet-undeveloped CPN Industrial Park off U.S. 177 in Tecumseh. Getting industry into that park will be part of his job. But Collard's new position will cover much more than that. His charge is to coordinate economic activity development among the various departments of the Nation and work on long-range economic plans.

Collard, whose thorough approach to budgeting was a hallmark of his four years at Shawnee City Hall, ironically started his new career doing much of the same. After he was hired by CPN Chairman John A. Barrett, he spent his first days on the job in

budget sessions - tribal, not municipal. "I sat in on a few sessions," he said. "You know I love budgets." He said the tribe's budgets are "a lot more enterprise-oriented, a lot more business-oriented." He described it as a blend of his previous experience in municipal government (before coming to Shawnee in 2004, he held city manager or administrator positions in Ohio and Missouri) and the business world.

"It really gave me a feel for the operation," Collard said of his first brush with tribal budgeting. "It's huge." The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has taken a big jump in economic activity over the past five years, tribal figures indicate, and in 2007 had a total impact on the Shawnee-Tecumseh economy of \$389.2 million when economic multipliers are included. It is now the largest Shawnee area employer with a payroll of 2,060, the same figures show.

In addition to its two casino/entertainment centers (FireLake Grand on I-40 at the Dale exit and FireLake on Hardesty Road near CPN headquarters), tribal enterprises include First National Bank & Trust

Co., FireLake Discount Foods, FireLake Convenience Store, FireLake Express Grocery, FireLake Golf Course, and others.

Collard's position will enable him to work with any tribal entity from grants to enterprises to coordinate activities. The new job fits in with Collard's educational background. He holds a Ph.D. and did his doctoral thesis on cooperation between tribes and municipalities in Oklahoma. "From an economic development standpoint, I've been doing a lot of that throughout my whole career," Collard commented. "I've gone through all the economic development training. I'm a graduate of the Economic Development Institute. I'm a certified economic development finance professional. I went through an international trade course.

"I've done a lot of economic development work over the past two decades. Even when I was in the corporate world, we had municipal clients." When Collard was in Missouri, he was "one of the players" who helped land a major credit card clearing center. "There was a team. I benefited greatly from that knowledge," he said. "My major responsibility was to facilitate an agreement between eight governmental units, a local development, and the international cooperation. It was quite a project."

He said that experience gave him "a good lesson on how to do the big projects." Now, he says, he's on the lookout for big or small projects for the Potawatomis and the area. "The vast majority of job creation comes from existing businesses," he said. "A lot of cities get in trouble because they go after the big projects and there's so few

of them. The key is to help existing businesses expand."

He said Native American Tribes have a number of advantages in attracting development but begged off on being specific yet. "Ask me that in a couple of months," he laughed.

The office Collard is taking is a new position with the tribe. He said one of the reasons he was delighted to accept it was that it keeps him and his family in Shawnee. "My family and I vested in this community," he said, "and I didn't want to leave. I'm grateful. I'm really delighted." He said he had several other opportunities but those all involved leaving this immediate area. Although Collard worked out of state for a number of years, he was born and raised in the McAlester area and his mother has now moved to Shawnee.

Collard said he reports directly to Barrett and CPN Vice Chairman Linda Capps. Barrett said he is delighted to have Collard join the Potawatomi team and noted that this is the second instance of the tribe's hiring a highly visible person who had left City Hall in the past couple of years. After former Shawnee Treasurer Becky Cragin resigned her job year before last, she wound up with the Potawatomis. Barrett said she has done a great job in the financial department.

"The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is grateful for the opportunity to hire highly professional people who can help us continue the impressive 15 percent annual growth we have been experiencing," Barrett said. "We welcome Dr. Collard and believe he will yield as much for the tribe as Becky Cragin has."

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### Tribal Heritage Project

By Leslie Gee

The Tribal Heritage Project staff is preparing to launch into production phase for the "Journey to Oklahoma" documentary project. The documentary will explore the forced migration of the Potawatomi from their homelands in the Great Lakes Region, to the Iowa and Kansas reserves and their final journey into Indian Territory. Special focus will be given to the tragic forced removal of Chief Menominee's band to the Kansas reserve, known as the Trail of Death, and the decision to accept United States Citizenship in 1861, which led to the establishment of the Citizen Band and ultimately to their resettlement in Indian Territory.

The "Journey to Oklahoma" documentary is a ground breaking project, and the Tribal Heritage Project staff is honored and elated to have the chance to bring this invaluable part of the tribe's cultural history to light for the education of tribal members as well as the community at large.

In September, CHC staff members will be on the road again back to Indiana, to participate in the Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan which will retrace the route traveled in 1838. John McMullen, author of "The Last Blackrobe of Indiana – and the Potawatomi Trail of Death" and John Bowes of the Smithsonian Institute, who is gathering material for an exhibit about the Trail of Death for the National Museum of the American Indian, will also

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be in attendance.

In addition to the documentary project, the Tribal Heritage Project staff is beginning work on the 2009 Honored Family Series videos. If any tribal members would like to come in for an interview or share family photographs to be included in your family's video, please contact the Tribal Heritage Project to set up an appointment or visit the Cultural Heritage Center. We would love to hear from you!

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With so much on the horizon, the Tribal Heritage Project staff welcomes Daniel Lay and Tyler McGee aboard as interns during the Fall Semester. Mr. Lay and Ms. McGee are students majoring in Electronic Media Productions at Oklahoma Baptist University.

### 2009 Honored CPN Families

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### Archival Notebook

R. Blake Norton, Tribal Archivist

Within Tribal Archives, the staff performs basic conservation and restoration work on a variety of objects. Staff members have been trained at various levels in both standard conservation and restoration practices. However, any object suffering from severe degradation that exceeds the resources of the CHC is sent to professional conservationists.

One area of conservation and restoration that Tribal Archives does undertake is that of digital photo restoration. Digital

photo restoration is an intensive and meticulous process that can take days to complete, depending on the photograph's level of deterioration. Tribal Archives staff members have been trained to use specific imaging software in the restoration process. Restoring digital photographs does not serve nor is intended to be a measure of preservation for the original, but as a means for tribal members and researchers to observe the photograph as it once was.

Many times we are told by tribal members that they have a wealth of historic and memorable photographs, yet they are in such poor condition that the tribal member is unaware of what to do with the photograph. To deal with these issues, we recommend that anyone interested in donating and/or loaning photographic material, despite its condition, please do so and have those materials digitized at the CHC.

Before and after digitization, a trained member of the Tribal Archives staff will examine both the original and digital copy of the photograph to decide what level of restoration is needed.

I offer this example of digital photo restoration performed at the CHC:

#### Before



#### After



If you are interested in donating and/or loaning any material, please contact R. Blake Norton, Tribal Archivist at (405) 878-5830 ext. 7120 or [bnorton@potawatomi.org](mailto:bnorton@potawatomi.org).

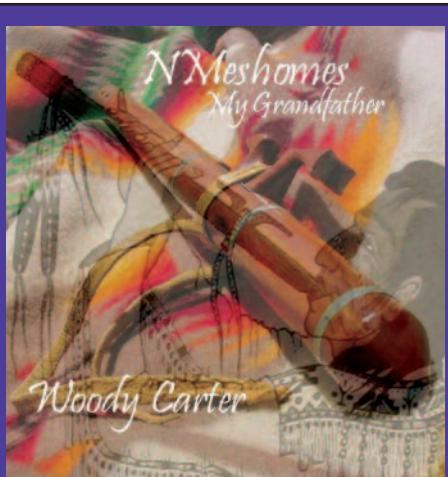
### Collections Corner

By Stacy S. Coon

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to check out the lobby of the main entrance of the Administration Building at the tribal headquarters. Thanks to Vice Chairman Linda Capps for her great idea to feature all 49 Founding Families to greet our tribal members and guests. And, thanks to the construction crew who did a professional job in hanging the 41 framed and matted posters, with the other eight displayed in the adjoining Accounting Department lobby, which features the 2009 rotation of Family Reunion Festival honored families.

The posters are replicas of the 49 Founding Family Banners that are on display at the Cultural Heritage Center. The posters (only) are for sale at FireLake Gifts located inside the Cultural Heritage Center. So get your

family posters today! They would make a great gift for family members!



The cover of Woody Carter's "NMeshomes" album incorporates several elements from his grandfather, Woody Crumbo's, art. From Carter's Web site, here is his explanation: "The flute player you see in the background is from a work of my Grandpa's, and the flute you see on the blanket is one he made. That's the one I play on Amazing Grace. I love the sound of it!"

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## September's Artist - Woody Carter/native flute

Woody, who resides in Prescott, AZ., belongs to the Crumbo/Wilmette family. A musician and captain for United Airlines, Woody has been an inspiring artist for over ten years. A musician of many instruments, a strong internal calling turned Woody to a familiar instrument, the unforgettable echoes of his grandfather's flute. In his first CD release, NMeshomes, Potawatomi for my grandfather,

Woody has captured a stirring melody, a heartfelt sound that transcends beyond just music. Each song is a piece of work that a Grandfather proudly hears, rising to the clouds, from the powerful breath and dancing fingers of his beloved grandson.

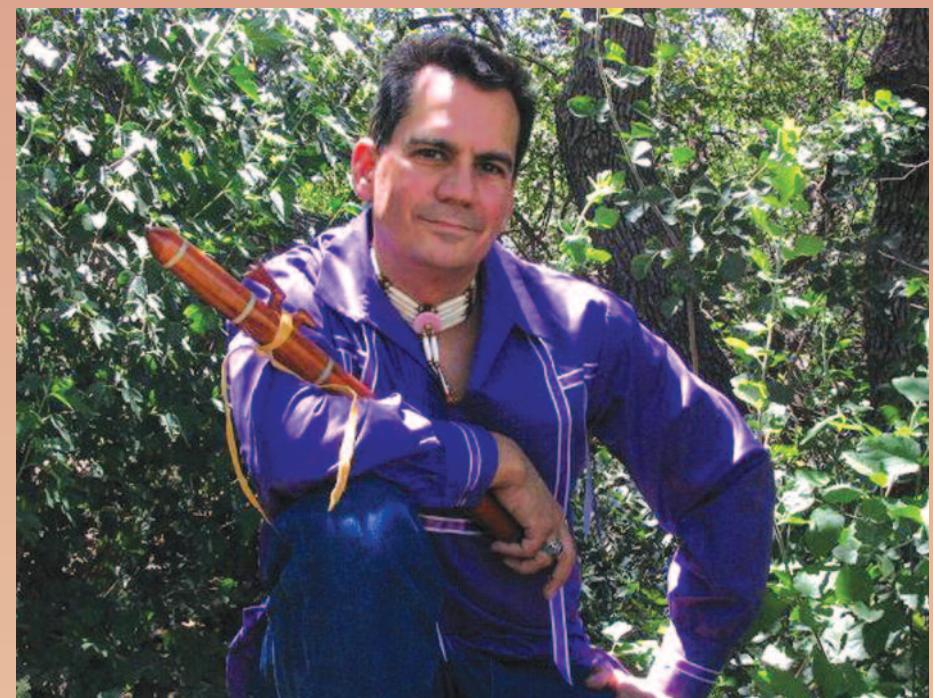
Here are excerpts from Woody's interview:

**HowNiKan:** Why did you pick this type of art? Were you inspired?

**Woody Carter:** I have always loved the sound of the native flute, and having my grandfather as an example certainly inspired me to want to be like him and play this wonderful instrument. It was about nine years after he walked on that I felt a sudden and strong desire to take up the flute and begin to learn it. Honestly, it was so natural from the very start that I felt as though I had been playing it for years. The flute really allows the music in your heart to flow out in a very uncomplicated, pure, and unrestricted way. Music is spiritual, and many times, I use this instrument in prayer, as well as for simple enjoyment and relaxation.

**HNK:** Was your art passed down to you or are you a self-taught artist?

**WC:** My grandfather inspired me to play the flute, but he had walked on by the time I started to play the instrument. I still consider him to have passed it on to me, but he did not teach me the instrument while he was still here with us. I hesitate to say self-taught, because I believe my Creator was involved directly in giving me this gift. My time and attention to the instrument together with His presence and gifting have brought me to this point and will take me beyond this point to what lies ahead.



That pretty much sums up everything in life though, eh?

**HNK:** What inspirations do you draw from your Potawatomi heritage?

**WC:** As I have learned more and more about who we are, I have been encouraged and inspired by the example of those who passed this life and heritage to us. When I think about them, I think of myself as a runner in a relay who has been passed the baton, and must carry it with all my strength in a good way, so that I may pass it on to those who come after me. Their example encourages me, and the knowledge of my responsibility to the following generations challenges me to do this and not fail. Whether it be learning our language, working hard, or being a good husband and father, I take courage from the good ways of our people. Learning more and more about who we are has explained a lot to me about why I am, why I think the way I think, and why I am different in many ways from other folks - in a good way!

**HNK:** How do you hope to benefit from participating in the CPN Artist Project? How do you think the Nation will benefit?

**WC:** Well, I hope to get some exposure for my music. It's nice to get the music out there for other folks to enjoy, and I cer-

tainly would like to use the income it will generate to help me transition to my own business! I look forward to sleeping in my own bed every night! Seriously though, there's nothing like knowing your labors are blessing other people especially your kin! If I can help someone relax at the end of the day, or remind them of a good time at a gathering, or inspire them to learn to play the flute, then I will consider it "mission accomplished" in the best and most complete sense! If my music does well, and gets out to a large audience it will help bring more attention to our Bodewadmi people, our history, and our contributions to life here on Turtle Island. And that would be really cool!!!

Woody's CD, "NMeshomes," can be purchased in FireLake Gifts. And, it is available for download at [www.Digstation.com](http://www.Digstation.com). Woody's track list includes, Wayfaring Stranger, Gine Je (And You?), El Condor Pasa, Glad Heart, Shore Winds, Bmepto (He Runs), Gon Gishget (Snow Day), Migwetch (Thank You), Night Calls, Water's Edge, and the incredible Amazing Grace, played on his Grandfather's flute. You can learn more about Woody and his new release at [www.woody-carter.com](http://www.woody-carter.com).

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The large screen in the CPN Legislative Chamber displays the video each legislator, and viewers on the internet, see on their screens. Joining the meeting from their respective offices are District #3 Rep. Robert Whistler (seen in two window segments), District #1 Rep. Eva Marie Carney, District #4 Rep. Theresa Adame, District #6 Rep. Ron Goyer, District #7 Rep. Thom Finks, and District #5 Rep. Gene Lambert. The lower left corner of the video screen shows the scene in the legislative chamber itself.

the 10 on each lawmaker's screen.

Several CPN legislators shared their reactions on the September 4 meeting's history-making nature. District #3 legislator Robert Whistler told the *HowNiKan*, "For a first time attempt, I believe we had very good success. The Chairman was able to recognize those of us in the outlying districts for our input on a timely basis. In the case of Legislative District #3, we had two guests who were able to see how the system and the new legislative process work from our tribal office in Texas."

District #12 Rep. Paul Schmidkoffer added, "Having just been a part of tribal history I am so grateful for the attitude of all of the tribal legislators. We all worked together to the common good of the Nation. It was quite an experience meeting via telecommunications and the internet to accomplish the first tribal budget on a national scale. A milestone has been achieved."

From California, District #7 Rep. Thom Finks said, "Not only is our new legislature a ground-breaking first in the country but we have and took advantage of the technology available to the tribe to make

sure our tribal members, no matter their location, can see and hear the legislature at work. We do live in wondrous times."

Not everything worked perfectly, as District #1 Rep. Roy Slavin's experience proved. "Even though my video system did not work due to the cable company installing a modem that was not adequate, I was still able to participate in the legislative meeting via a phone connection and was able to see the other legislators by streaming the video conference via the internet," Slavin said. "It is another great innovation by a forward-thinking Citizen Potawatomi Nation."

District #2 Rep. Eva Marie Carney commented on the work the legislators accomplished: "We legislators are striving to learn as much as possible about CPN operations and objectives so we can make our best decisions about appropriations and potential new initiatives in the years and months ahead."

Citizen Potawatomi Nation members can watch their legislature as it deliberates and makes decisions by logging in through the Legislature page on [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org).

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# Attention CPN Veterans

**The CPN Veterans Organization  
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**When: November 8, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.  
Where: CPN Cultural Heritage Center,  
1899 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee**

Attendance is free for all Citizen Potawatomi Nation veterans and their spouses. Dinner will served. Gen. The name of the keynote speaker for the Banquet is David Wagie, Brigadier General, Ret., USAF. He is now the president of St. Gregory's University.

Join CPN veterans earlier on Saturday, November 8, at 11:00 a.m., to show your pride in America and thanks for the sacrifices of Native American veterans as they participate in "A Salute to America's Native American Veterans" Veterans Day Parade. The parade is sponsored by Gill-Mattox Post 16 of the American Legion. It will begin at the intersection of Seventh and Beard Streets in downtown Shawnee.



*For the Veterans Day Banquet, RSVP to Joe David Melott, 405-273-0753 or [RetiredNTravlin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RetiredNTravlin@sbcglobal.net).*

# Language Department News

## Understanding how sentences work in Potawatomi, Part 2

We will build off the verbs we gave you in the July edition of the *HowNiKan*.

*Nago ne ggimikchewi?* Did you work yesterday?

(Nah go nay ggee meek chuh we)

Nago - yesterday, ne - indicates a question, First g is you, gi - past tense, mikchewi - verb to work.

*Ngom ne gwi-odankemen?* Are we all going to town today? (later in the day)

(nGome nay gwe oh dahn kay men) The n on ngom is semi-silent, so it is not said aloud. Ngom-today, ne- indicates a question, g and men- mean us including the person you are speaking to. If you used n and men you would be excluding the person you are talking to, odanke - verb to go to town.

*Bidgen.* Go inside. (Telling one person)

(Beed gan)

*Bidgek.* Go inside (telling several people)

(Beed gahk)

*Biskonyen.* Get dressed. (Telling one person)

(Bees cone yin)

*Biskonyek.* Get dressed. (Telling several people)

(Bees cone yak)

As you can see from the example above, the n on the end of a verb indicates telling one person and the k indicates more than one person being told or commanded.

*Ode jo pi nbidge.* I am coming in right now.

(Odeh joe pee nbeed gay) Ode jo pi- means right now, n - is I, bidge - is the verb to enter. (You will notice there is no gi or wi on this sentence because it is in the present tense.)

*Wabek nwi-gwedemojge.* I am going to go fishing tomorrow.

(Wah buck nwe gweh duh moj gay) Wabek - tomorrow, n - I, wi - indicates in the future, wedemojge - the verb to fish.

*Wi nimedi ne o kwe?* Is that woman going to dance?

(Wee nee med ee nay oh kweh) Wi - future indicator, nimedi - verb to dance. With no suffixes or prefixes, it is he/she dances, ne - question marker, o - that (someone not directly next to you but a little ways away), kwe - woman.

### ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Paperwork for all vehicles to be registered with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation will be inspected by the tag agency staff. We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause. However, this is now mandatory.

Please schedule an appointment on your next visit with the tag agency staff. We will be glad to review all documents that are required for registering your vehicle and any other concerns you might have.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Tag Agency Staff

### Diminutive or making something small

In Potawatomi its simple to do this to a noun all you have to do is add an s or e and s. Occasionally there are specific words for a young or small animal.

<i>Mko</i> - Bear	<i>Mkos</i> - Bear cub	<i>Mek</i> - beaver	<i>Mekos</i> - little beaver
<i>Seksi</i> - deer	<i>Seksis</i> - little deer	<i>Mbagen</i> - bed	<i>Mbagenes</i> - Little bed
<i>Biwabkos</i> - phone	<i>Biwabkosen</i> - little phone.	<i>Jiptebwen</i> - chair	<i>Jiptebwenes</i> - little chair
<i>Mtek</i> - tree	<i>Mtekos</i> - little tree	<i>Nemosh</i> - dog	<i>Nemoshes</i> - puppy

### Replication is another interesting concept in Potawatomi.

In order to add emphasis to a verb we will often use the first consonant and then add an a after it to add emphasis.

<i>Jiptebe</i> - he/she sits	<i>Jajiptebe</i> - he/she continues to sit
<i>Wisne</i> - he/she eats	<i>Wawisne</i> - he/she continues to eat.
<i>Kikto</i> - he/she talks	<i>Kakikto</i> - he/she continues to talk/really talks.
<i>Dokmebe</i> - he/she sits quiet	<i>Dadokmebe</i> - he/she behaves/continues to sit quietly.
<i>Kanapma</i> - look at someone	<i>Kakanapma</i> - he/she gawks at someone

### Preverbs

Preverbs in Potawatomi can often be added to a verb to change the desired outcome. I am going to list just a few of the most common here. Keep in mind that b/p, d/t, and k/g are very close in Potawatomi and can be used interchangeably. Many of these are attached to the verb and cannot be taken off to use separately.

<i>Wi</i> - future or showing a desire	<i>Gi</i> - past tense
<i>Bme</i> - to go along/by	<i>Bba</i> or <i>ba</i> - go about
<i>Web</i> - start	<i>Bon</i> - stop
<i>Zag</i> - outside	<i>Bid</i> - inside
<i>Gish</i> - after	<i>Wij</i> - accompany
<i>Mno</i> - good	<i>Ned</i> - want/desire
<i>Bye</i> - come	<i>Bmepto</i> - he/she runs (literally by)
<i>Bmose</i> - he/she walks (literally by)	<i>Bmejewen</i> - the river flows by.
<i>Bmenashkowa</i> - he/she chases someone along	<i>Webmikchewi</i> - he/she starts working
<i>Bmadze</i> - he/she is alive/lives	<i>Pabmadze</i> - he/she lives about/word for travel
<i>Ggigishwisen ne?</i> - Did you already eat?	<i>Gwijmikchewi o David?</i> - Do you work with David?
<i>Gmnobmadzemen</i> - We are all living a good life.	<i>Nwibonnendan</i> - I am going to stop thinking about it.

When you don't know a verb in Potawatomi or if one doesn't exist there is ke. These little letters are really powerful. They mean to do something with the object or make something with the object.

<i>Dabyan</i> - car	<i>Dabyanke</i> - he/she builds a car or works on his/her car.
<i>Wasechgen</i> ke - he/she works on the window/makes a window.	
<i>Detpese</i> - tire	<i>Detpeseke</i> - he/she changes the tire or airs it up.
<i>Mkomkekos</i> - refrigerator	<i>Mkomkekoske</i> - he/she works on the refrigerator
<i>Jiman</i> - canoe	<i>Jiman</i> ke - he/she builds a canoe.
<i>Min</i> - berry	<i>Min</i> ke - he/she gathers berries.

So if for example you can't remember the verb for something and you can remember an object used with it you can always add ke to that object.

<i>Gwedemojge</i> - he/she fishes	<i>Gigo</i> - fish
<i>Gigo</i> ke - he/she fishes (does something with fish)	
<i>Mnise</i> - he/she gathers wood.	<i>Msen</i> - wood
<i>Msen</i> ke - he/she gathers wood or does something with it.	

## Quality Housing for Quality People



\* The CPN offers a quality-of-life upgrade at its CPN Elders Village in beautiful, friendly Rossville, Kansas. The spacious housing units offer two bedrooms and come equipped with ALL major appliances.

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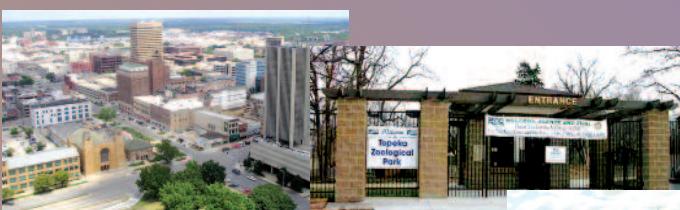


\* The CPN Elders Village is a short walk or a quick car trip from anything you need in Rossville. Topeka, the Kansas capitol, with all the shopping, entertainment, medical services, and other amenities you need is a very short 15-minute trip away.

\* Rossville is traditional Potawatomi land; reminders of our past are everywhere. The people of Rossville are very welcoming and accommodating.



\* Groups of Potawatomis from in and around Rossville are using the community center for social activities and learning opportunities. Recently, there have been dress-making and powwow dance classes.



The Kansas capitol, Topeka, is a 15-minute drive away, with plenty of shopping and lots of recreational activities, from a top-notch zoo to the trails in Shanga Park to the Summer Nationals drag-racing event.

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*CPN member Michael Stone performs in Shawnee*

## RAJUN CAJUN & TAMBOURINE SHOW

Swamp-Pop Music recording artist Michael Stone, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, performed in Shawnee recently for audiences at two Shawnee facilities and to honor his 86-year-old father. In July, Stone helped celebrate his father's 86th birthday with a performance.

For the uninitiated, Swamp-pop is a musical genre indigenous to the Acadiana region of south Louisiana and an adjoining section of southeast Texas. Created in the 1950s and early 1960s by teenaged Cajuns and black Creoles, it combines New Orleans-style rhythm and blues, country and western, and traditional French Louisiana musical influences.

It is exemplified by slow ballads like Cookie and the Cupcakes' "Mathilda" (recorded in 1958), considered by many the unofficial swamp pop "anthem." But the genre has also produced many upbeat compositions, such as Bobby Charles' "Later Alligator" (1955), popularly covered (re-recorded) by Bill Haley & His Comets.

During the genre's heyday (1958-1964), several swamp pop songs appeared on national U.S. record charts. These included Jimmy Clanton's "Just A Dream" (1958), Warren Storm's "Prisoner's Song" (1958), Phil Phillips' "Sea Of Love" (1959), Rod Bernard's "This Should Go On Forever" (1959), Joe Barry's "I'm A Fool To Care" (1960), and Dale and Grace's "I'm Leaving It (All) Up To You" (1963).

Stone is a retired minister and counselor. He was born and raised in Shawnee, and is descended from 1887 enrollee Mary Ann Bourassa and 1937 roll member Warren D. Stone. He is a graduate of the 1966 class of Shawnee High School.

Following high school, Stone entered

the U.S. Navy, where he served for six years. After his honorable discharge, he entered Freed-Hardeman University in Tennessee. He graduated twice from the school with degrees in Bible and Geriatric Social Work. He graduated from Troy University in Alabama with an M.S. degree in Counseling & Human Development. His doctorate is from Southwest Seminary in Louisiana in Counseling Psychology. Currently, he lives in Florida.

In April 2007, Stone walked into a music store in Lake City, Florida and bought a half-moon, Rhythm Tech tambourine with a double row of nickel steel jingles. He began to "play" his new tambourine around friends and family. Much of the time, they just laughed at him, and he, too, laughed at himself.

The rest is history! After more than 100

public shows, radio interviews, television mentions, newspaper writings, and a CD on Swamp Pop Records, Stone is considered by some to be one of the very best professional players of the half-moon Rhythm Tech tambourine. His shows are in demand; he has bookings for two years in advance.

Stone performs in costume -a Stetson hat and sunglasses- and with choreography. The shows are clean and family-oriented. He has refused to perform in bars, nightclubs, and the like. And, on occasion, he will perform using that original tambourine bought in April 2007.

For booking information, call 904-259-3268. CD orders can be placed at [Swamp-Pop-Music@inbox.com](mailto:Swamp-Pop-Music@inbox.com) or at P.O. Box 1087, Glen Saint Mary, Florida 32040.

*At right, Michael Stone performs his Swamp-Pop music at Shawnee Care Center.*



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# Legislators' Columns

## Dist. #1 Rep. Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikan,

I am so very proud to have been a part of the first-ever legislative meeting held via teleconference. History in the making by a very innovative Citizen Potawatomi Nation. It did not go off without a hitch; there were some minor problems with the volume and some issues with the microphones. One system (mine) did not work.

I was able to attend the meeting via the phone, and I streamed it on the internet so I could see the other legislators. At this point, I would like to commend James Bishop and his staff for a job well done; the success of the operation is due to the many hours worked and miles traveled by employees in the Information Technology Department.

As you know from the last *HowNiKan*, I held an open house in the District #1 Legislative office. The purpose of the open house was to meet as many members from the district as possible and make contact with others via e-mail and regular mail. We held a drawing for a Pendleton Blanket, and it was won by Patrick Dockry of Anoka, Minnesota.

Here I must take the time to apologize to those of you who did not receive their invitation in time to participate in the drawing. The invitations were mailed on the August 19. Some did not arrive at their destination until the day of the open house, September 6. I became aware that there was a problem when no one had received an invitation by the August 26.

At that time, I e-mailed all the District #1 CPN citizens for whom I had e-mail addresses. This points up a problem I see in our system, I do not have contact information for the members of my district and have no way of contacting them except by a bulk mailing through the Nation or an article in the *HowNiKan*.

I believe that, if I am to be your representative, I should have the means of contacting you. If you agree, please send me your e-mail address or mailing address and phone number.

We encountered a second problem when AT&T installed the toll-free number for



the District #1 office but failed to register it. Consequently, it was given to someone else. Thus, when any of you tried to call that number, you reached a fax machine. The new and correct toll free number is 888-741-5767.

For those of you who did not have the opportunity to participate in the drawing, I will try to make it up to you in some way.

All things considered, the open house was a success. Those who attended had an opportunity to see the teleconferencing system in operation and were able to interact with Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairperson Linda Capps, who were in Shawnee and answered questions and spoke of coming events.

I cannot close this article without mention of the Gathering of Nations at Walpole Island. It was a great cultural experience. The people of the First Nation were very gracious. What a beautiful Island they live on! I was accompanied by my wife Julia, daughter Verna Brooks, granddaughter Jessica Felts, three-year-old great-granddaughter Mollyann, and six-month-old great-grandson Matthew. This was the third Gathering of Nations Mollyann has attended. I don't think I will ever be able to attend a Gathering of Nations without her, nor would I want to.

Igwien,  
Roy Slavin  
Legislator, District #1

## Dist. #2 Rep. Eva Marie Carney

Hello, Fellow CPN District #2 Citizens,

We had two productive working sessions of the Legislature at the beginning of September. We legislators are striving to learn as much as possible about CPN operations and objectives so we can make our best decisions about appropriations and potential new initiatives in the years and months ahead. I'd venture to say that I was one of the most active questioners during the sessions, but that probably won't come as a surprise to District #2!

It was sad to not have Jackie Taylor with us. At Rep. Paul Wesselhoft's suggestion, we resolved to offer our condolences as a Legislature to her husband Nelson, her other family members, and the citizens of

District #8 who lost this dynamo as their representative, and we observed a moment of silence in her honor.

The discussions can be summed up by the Omaha proverb: "Ask questions from your heart and you will be answered from the heart." The Executive branch was generous with its time, answered questions thoroughly, embraced our good suggestions and recommendations, and explained why the not-so-good ones weren't so good. The historic sessions made me proud of our Nation and bode well for future CPN Legislatures.

Ultimately, we approved a robust CPN budget for Fiscal Year 2009. We appropriated a total of almost \$215 million (funded from the Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs FY 2009 Annual Funding Agreement including Department of Labor - PL 102-477 and Department of Health and Human Services Child Care funds, Indirect Costs, Department of Health and Human Services/Indian Health Service FY 2009 Annual Funding Agreement, federal grants and contracts, tribal programs, and enterprise-earned funds). We kept a reserve of approximately \$4.6 million to cover budget variances and payments to be made on the Grand Casino balloon note.

Among the budget highlights is that we increased available funds for student scholarships and college housing assis-



tance by \$500,000 over last year's amount, just over \$4 million. Our thought process was that the legislators' presence in the various districts and outreach to our citizens will spread the word about this important CPN benefit for our young people.

That will result in more requests for assistance. Please make that happen! If you have college students in your family, please be sure that they know about this benefit and are receiving it. The application process is straightforward. Full-time students who are enrolled citizens of the CPN and maintain a 2.0 GPA can receive up to \$3,000/year toward tuition costs and \$1,500 toward college housing costs.

Students can find the tuition assistance form on the Tribal Rolls page of the CPN Web site, or put the following into a browser to bring up the Tribal Rolls page: [www.potawatomi.org/Services/Tribal+Rolls/default.aspx](http://www.potawatomi.org/Services/Tribal+Rolls/default.aspx). (Students who receive tuition assistance will be mailed housing assistance forms.) We want to make sure that our young people have the education and skills needed to help us navigate our Nation's future.

More than a dozen CPN citizens from District #2 received Potawatomi names on September 20, 2008 in Virginia. I was delighted to welcome the Chairman and Vice Chairman to my home for the nam-

ings and honored to personally name some of the citizens and sponsor others whom Chairman John Barrett or Vice Chairman Linda Capps named. Everyone who was named can now name other family members.

If you are interested in receiving your name in the future, please let me know. I can put you in touch with someone local to you who can provide your name on your request or coordinate schedules so that I can conduct your naming ceremony. It has been very meaningful to me to have a Potawatomi name. I have photographs of the namings and the feast that followed and the Chairman's and Vice Chairman's visit to the District #2 Legislative Office posted on my Web site. The Web site address is [www.evamariecarney.com](http://www.evamariecarney.com).

com, and you'll also find there the eagle feather application, language and cultural information, including information about the naming ceremony protocols, and details of Indian Health Services-funded clinics in our District. If you visit, please let me know by sending a note via the "Contact Me" link.

Also posted on my Web site is information about one of our relatives, Eric Kimes, who, with his wife, dentist Amy Kimes, is offering free dental care to CPN citizens who can travel to Dr. Kimes' dental practice outside Raleigh, North Carolina (lab expenses will be charged at the Kimes' cost). This is a very generous undertaking that we urge you to follow up on, if you can.

Eric called me the other day very excited to already have provided services to

several citizens from District #2 – dental care is vital, especially for children. Getting it for free is amazing, and the prospect that Potawatomis will be meeting one another in the Kimes waiting room makes me smile. What a neat way to build networks among those of us awfully far from Shawnee. Thank you, Amy and Eric, for your generosity and vision.

My final note in each column will remain the same as long as I'm your representative – please, let me hear from you! I am really eager to gather up contact details for folks in District #2, particularly e-mail addresses, since e-mail is fast and free. If you give me your e-mail address, you'll get back from me an electronic copy of the HowNiKan when I get the proof copy from the editor, Michael Dodson. It will be about two weeks ahead of its arrival in print form at your homes.

Additionally, I will send updates on legislative issues, and short surveys to get your thoughts, as the issues and initiatives start percolating. Please e-mail me with your contact details so we can get the communication started! Please send e-mail to [ecarney4cpndistrict2@gmail.com](mailto:ecarney4cpndistrict2@gmail.com). If you don't have e-mail and want to visit about an issue or have a question or idea, please call me on the CPN toll-free number, 800-880-9880, and I will return your call promptly.

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

Megwetch,  
Eva Marie Carney/Ojindiskwe  
Legislative Representative, District #2

of us at very reasonable rates. Next, we had Theresa Talbot and Margaret Zientek on the bus, finding the places along the way for the usual "rest stops" and en-route meals - everything at affordable prices, and places where we could choose from among several establishments. And then, trailing the bus in a van with trailer, were Tim Zientek, Robert Bryner Jr., and Robert Fellows, our ground support team.

At Walpole, our ground support team put up our own tents, and supplied tables and chairs for everyone who came from our tribe to meet and then make their choices on which events they wanted to attend. We attended a wonderful slide presentation on regalia and beadwork. I was fortunate enough to secure a copy of that presentation and the script. This copy is now in my tribal office here in Bedford and available for viewing by anyone who is interested.

Another choice was attending a language/song class. The presenter was one of the First Nation Walpole natives who utilizes music to teach the language. I ordered the four CDs and accompanying song books from him, and they too will be kept in our Bedford tribal office. The group who worked up the CDs also created a wonderful book about the area. The title is: "E-NIIZAANAG WINGOSHKAAG Maapmpii Bkejwanong" (SPECIES at Risk on the Walpole Island First Nation). I managed to secure several copies and advised my fellow legislator, Roy Slavin, that he might want a copy for his district. One of the copies I picked up is now in the tribal library in Shawnee. Of course I retained a copy for the library I am creating here in Texas.

So far we have the Walpole book, and I purchased a copy of "The Mishomis Book - The Voice of the Ojibway," which is currently out of print. I recommend you try to get one of the few remaining copies from [www.nocbay.com](http://www.nocbay.com). The cost is \$24.95, plus shipping. This book gives lots of information. It is written in a fashion that appeals to both adults and children. It's a must-have if you want to know more about your history, traditions, regalia, and culture.

The Walpole Island First Nation citizens were very friendly, offering excellent food and one-on-one conversation, plus they had a variety of vendors offering crafts and regalia. They had an excellent health function that involved reflexology that I found very informative. Congratulations to The First Nation for the excellent job they did



this year, which was their initial hosting of this event.

Before leaving this topic, let me say that we had very good participation by those on the trip. Here are a few photos of some of our tribal members taken during the second night of dancing. (*The top photo is of all the veterans who attended the Gathering. In the bottom photo are, from left to right, Margaret Zientek, Beverly Rybolt, Mary Archer, Keith Archer, Edy Powell, and Linda Whistler.*)



We had an excellent representation from our veterans. They played a major role in the flag ceremonies and various entries. My thanks go to them for being there and being so active in all the activities. Many were on the same bus as my wife and I. It was a great trip and it allowed me to meet several new relatives who are distant cousins. I urge anyone who can to take the time to make this annual pilgrimage. It is a very rewarding and enriching experience.

On September 3 and 4, the Legislature held our first annual budget session. We have what I believe to be a very good

## Dist. #3 Rep. Robert Whistler

Bozho Nican (Hello my friends),

The last four weeks have been very interesting. This morning (September 7), our newspaper had an article about the high price we Texans are paying for electricity. It requested citizens to seek relief from their elected officials. The article advised that Texans pay, on the average, 14.5 cents/KWH compared to 8.9 cents in most other states, because we are deregulated.

This week, I also received a reply from the Texas House of Representatives, the Honorable Tom Craddick, agreeing that our rates are high. He advised me to contact my local legislator for action. I already

have! This is exactly the action I asked each of you in Texas to take in my August editorial.

Mr. Craddick said in his reply that this could be an item when the 2009 Legislature again meets in session. If you haven't contacted your state elected officials, I urge you to do so. Use the how-to in my last month's editorial.

In mid-August, my wife and I signed up for and rode the tribal bus to Walpole Island, Ontario, Canada for The Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations. The trip was fantastic! We were very impressed with the planning, support, and execution by our CPN staff. Megwetch (thanks) to Cathy Hansen for finding motels for the 50-plus

budget for 2009. I have repeatedly heard the question, why aren't more benefits available for the CPN members living outside Oklahoma? We did designate a \$500,000 increase for scholarships, year over year. While the program for this current school term has closed, it will soon be open for the next term. The program is designed to be applied toward tuition, books, and housing. It is available for college, junior college, and vocational students.

In looking at what was spent in the 2008 budget, it appears this benefit is not being used to the fullest extent. If you are going

to school, this fund might help you with those expenses. Education is one of the areas which is your opportunity to improve your station in life. It will open many doors. I urge everyone who can to use this resource.

There are other areas of the budget that I'm sure my peers will cover, so let me call it a day for this month's column. I'm still building my e-mail contact base, so do write to me.

Bama Pi,  
Bob Whistler/*B'mashi*  
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Legislator, District #3

## District #4 Rep. Theresa Adame

Dear Citizens,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health. It has been a very fast summer at the Adame house, and with the end of summer, in our house it can only mean one thing. It is time for the Navarre family reunion. For as many years as I can remember, the Sunday before Labor Day has been our reunion.

As we gathered, I asked if anyone could remember how long the tradition had been going. Some of the answers were, "Forever, so long I can't remember, etc." We have gathered over the years at the Rossville City Park, Shawnee Lake, Rossville Community Center, and now the CPN Center in Rossville.

I told them a lot had changed in the Nation since we have been having reunions. Our budget for the CPN is much bigger, for instance. However, one thing has not changed. I could look out of the room and the chairs were still full of Navarres. We have aged over the years but we still have that common bond that brings us together our Potawatomi heritage, our love for family, and tradition.

As for the budget, this is was a very historic year. We met via teleconferencing terminals. While there are still some things to work out I think things went smoothly. My apologies to Citizens who logged in trying to view via the internet at 4:30 as posted on the CPN Web site, when the session actually went live at 7:10 after our committee meetings.

I have thought about the session, and to use one word to sum it up would be a "learning" year. I have also been thinking about a book I am reading that we received on our last visit to Shawnee. It talks about



tribes accepting grants from the U.S. government for what they think the tribes need, thus is a way they control our direction.

If we continue to accept grants for which we match funds, I think we need to start looking at them differently. If it is important enough because someone else is paying half for Oklahoma, is it not important enough to pay for the rest of our Citizens in our new districts? In no way am I advocating an even division or anything close to that, but just some food for thought.

It was also my pleasure to attend Rep. Roy Slavin's open house in District #1. He has chosen a great location with easy access so I am sure he will be busy.

As always, I am happy to hear your suggestions or meet with you at my office. I am in my office the first Tuesday of the month from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. If you would like to be added to my e-mail list please send a note to [tadame@potawatomi.org](mailto:tadame@potawatomi.org).

Check out my Web page at

[www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org) for upcoming events. On October 25, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., we will present our next shawl class. Please call or e-mail for details if you have

not attended before.  
Megwetch,  
Theresa Adame  
Legislator, District #4

## District #5 Rep. Gene Lambert

Bozho,

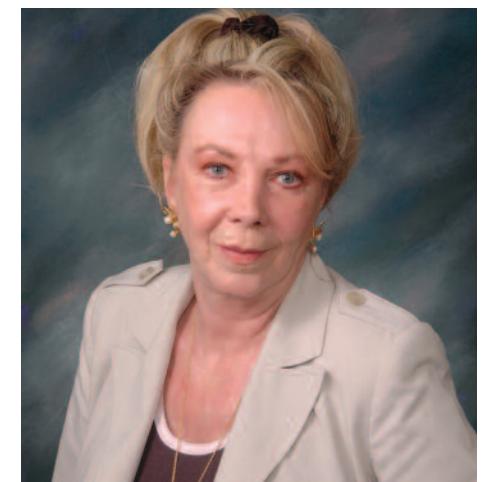
"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." These are words spoken by Ralph Waldo Emerson. We have such enthusiastic people on our staff. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our Information Technology Department: James Bishop, Chris Abel, and Justin Henson. Their contribution to our recent teleconference held on Thursday, September 4, was phenomenal.

Hopefully, you were able to tune in on [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org) to see how our budget comes together after the business committee organized departmental projections. It was lead by Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps.

Exciting just isn't an adequate word. I was in awe. I was a Regional Director for nine years and have been a legislator for a few months. I am amazed, impressed, and totally taken back in learning just how much is involved. Imagine eight districts throughout the country and eight legislators to lead those districts. Eight legislators in the Oklahoma jurisdiction, and they were all attending the same meeting without leaving home.

We were the first Native American Nation in the United States to achieve such an undertaking.

Our technical department put this together. They finalized a dream of our leadership. It was not without a few glitches arising from all of us. But, it was held together by the technicians. I personally, tripped over one of the main cords right in the middle of the meeting. Yes, everything went out. Oh my goodness! Now what do I do? There was nothing but my panicked



face looking back at me from the screen.

About 60 seconds went by, although it certainly seemed longer. Then, "Hello," I am on the air again, Thank you James. Maybe some of you saw that. I now know I must keep my big feet under the desk while in session.

The technicians keep the communication open and out there so we know what is going on. This allows us to participate when we choose or find a cause that is close.

In the future, you can be a part of all the meetings and not have to hear third-hand what was addressed and/or finalized. The open door you have been waiting for and the vision of Chairman John Barrett have been realized.

This is another huge leap for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I hope you are as proud to be a member of such a progressive blood line as am I.

Megwetch,  
Eunice Imogene (Gene) Lambert  
Legislative Representative, District #5

### ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Paperwork for all vehicles to be registered with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation will be inspected by the tag agency staff. We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause. However, this is now mandatory.

Please schedule an appointment on your next visit with the tag agency staff. We will be glad to review all documents that are required for registering your vehicle and any other concerns you might have.

Thank you for your cooperation!  
Tag Agency Staff

## District #6 Rep. Ron Goyer

Bozho Nikanek,

Fiiinaaaalllyyyy, your regional office is open and ready to serve your needs! All last week, construction continued to bring our facility up to snuff and prepare it for the upcoming events and functions. We will host a soft opening on Saturday, October 18, 2008, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. It will showcase Potawatomi artists as well as some art produced by other nationally and locally recognized native artisans.

Guests will include, but are not limited to, professors from several universities, tribal leaders from San Diego and Riverside counties, and executives from a multitude of tribal gaming casinos. Of course, we are anticipating a large number of Potawatomis to attend in a show of support and solidarity for their new resource and meeting center in District #6, (Southern California and Nevada). If you can, please attend this important event.

Meet with your legislative representative and help us determine how we can best serve you and voice your expectations for the future.

While you're here, enjoy the library, which addresses Indian topics, view the language resource center, and pick up any ceremonial items, all free or at cost. You may wish to have sweet grass (from Walpole Island), cedar (from Pokagon Grounds in Michigan), or sage (from the Reservations of California Indian tribes).

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If you would, please RSVP  
at your convenience.

On September 4, our Nation made history as the first virtual legislative body. The meeting started with a moment of silence for our fallen legislative member Jackie Taylor and her family. We opened up with a discussion of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce, highlighting that, for a mere \$700 a year, all mem-



bers of the Potawatomi Nation will be a part of a networking system of Indian-to-Indian business ventures. This will allow us to market Potawatomi goods, products, and services to Native-owned businesses and casinos nationwide.

I would also like to include that the scholarship fund has been increased by \$500,000 per year. This is a much-appreciated boost in financial support for our tribal students.

In closing, I would like to thank Scott Havellanna, Tori Havellanna (his wife), and their family for their generous donation of time and labor to get the office completed in time for the legislative meeting. Mr. Havellanna is a master carpenter with more than 20 years experience, and his work shows it.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Mike Fry, Phyllis Fry (his wife), and their family for all their help, dedication, and paint appliqué to help get the office open.

Mr. Fry is a veteran painter with more than 25 years experience. He gifted the Potawatomi Nation the labor necessary to paint the powder room. We truly appreciate the support of all these friends.

In addition, if you get the chance, read the article in Indian Country Today that highlights the San Diego State University Tribal Gaming Degree Program.

Bama Pi,  
Ron Goyer/“Maskninye”

## District #7 Rep. Thom Finks

Bozho,

Whew...It has been a very busy September for me as well as my fellow legislators. Several of the legislators were in the middle of getting their local legislative offices set up, communications and phone lines installed. Furniture delivered and set up. And, if this wasn't enough to keep us all on our toes, the tribe's best troubleshooter and Information Technology guy, James Bishop, was sent out to several of the offices to get the tribal telecommunications network set up.

Like I said, "WHEW!"

The District #7 office is almost complete. The phone line is in; the teleconferencing equipment is in (thank you, James). But, we had a little hitch in the giddy-up as far as the furniture is concerned. The September 3 meeting was to begin at 3 p.m., west coast time to accommodate the legislators located in various time zones across the country. The furniture was to be delivered on Tuesday, September 2.

However, nothing showed up. I made a quick call to learn what happened. The freight company's response to me was, "We're very sorry. It's been delayed, and won't be there till the latter part of that week or the next week." OK, Houston, we definitely have a problem now.

I pointed out that, within a few hours, we were to hold a legislative teleconference for the first time to discuss the tribal budget for 2009. I also pointed out that I'm not about to, nor can I physically because of my recent hip replacement surgery, sit on the floor and be a part of this meeting.

A quick trip home (actually a quick trip for my wife because I haven't been released to drive yet) resulted in the arrival of a folding table and a camping chair. Voila! The District #7 office was ready.

Like I said, "WHEW!"

The undertaking of the CPN budget is almost mind-boggling. Now, I'm not a stranger to financial and P&L (profit and loss) statements, But, I haven't encountered any at this level. The intricacy of the way things are intertwined with federal grants and programs is often hard to understand. But, the folks at the tribe who prepare the huge amount of data made our job much easier. Thank you for your hard work and diligence.

Speaking of diligence, you should be



very proud of your legislators. They dove right in and tackled the budget. They didn't back away from asking questions and getting the facts that they felt they needed to make a judgment on almost each and every part of the budget. We as a Nation are truly blessed. We have some very caring and intelligent people serving the nation in the legislature, and I am so very proud to be a part of the process.

All of the enterprises of the CPN were discussed; new projects and works in progress were discussed so the new legislature would have a better understanding of where we stand and where we're going. It also helps unravel the process of doing business with the federal government.

One of the benefits that came about after much discussion was increasing the tribal scholarship fund by \$500,000.00 to a total of \$4.06 million.

Plans for the 204-room hotel at FireLake Grand Casino were put on hold temporarily; discussion of spending \$4 million in the current economic times was felt not to be Priority #1 at this time.

However, expansion of the senior health center and the addition of a gymnasium-size senior emergency shelter were approved, thereby offering our seniors a safe haven in the event of really bad weather.

On Thursday evening, September 4, 2008, the first simulcast meeting of the legislature via internet as well as the tribe's teleconferencing system was broadcast. Not only is our new legislature a groundbreaking first in the country but we have and took advantage of the technology

available to the tribe to make sure our tribal members, no matter their location, can see and hear the legislature at work. We do live in wondrous times.

Several resolutions were passed this first simulcast of the legislature. One that is very dear to me is Resolution 9-27-RSR&G. This resolution enrolled my brother Jeremy's and his wonderful wife Mardecia's newest, Thomas Russell Finch, as one of the newest members of the CPN. I don't know when or why the tradition of reading each new tribal member's name into the records began but I think it is a wonderful tradition. I was allowed to make the motion to accept the new tribal members into the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Welcome to you all and a special welcome to little Thomas from his uncle

Thomas.

Well the furniture finally made it. Now all I have to do is wrestle it inside and get it put together. I'll have all of the office contact info ready by the next issue of the *HowNiKan*. And, with a little help from my sons, we'll have everything together. Perhaps later in the year, we'll have a grand opening of the District #7 office as well as a potlatch type get-together so I can meet you all and get some input from you as well as have some information regarding naming ceremonies or whatever you'd like to get more information regarding. After all that's what this is all about.

Megwetch

Thom Finks

Representative District #7  
Citizen Potawatomi Nation

## District #9 Rep. Paul Wesselhoff

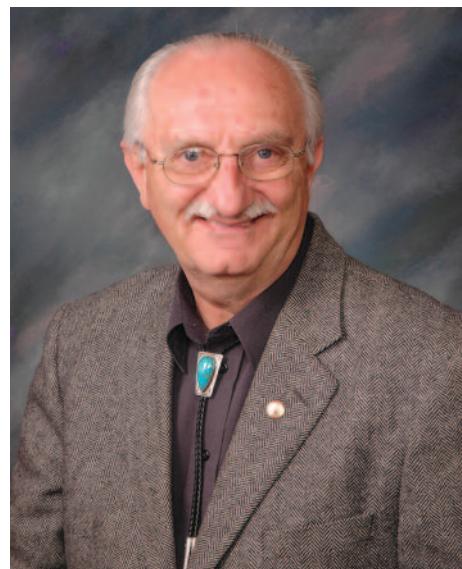
Bozho, Nikan!

I have been heartened by a recurring theme throughout Chairman John Barrett's articles. He believes that "you are no longer 'part Indian' because you are no longer 'part citizen.' You do not have to live on tribal land to fully be in the tribe. Like sovereignty, it is in you, in your blood."

In the August *HowNiKan*, Chairman Barrett writes, "...each of us carries the blood of a people unique on Earth. Our traditions have always said that Potawatomi are all those who share a common blood with our grandfathers or grandmothers." In an earlier edition, he wrote, "There is no such legal thing in our tribal nation as 'blood degree,' except to describe those who presently own their old investments of the Indian Clams Act money."

The Chairman tells us that we are "100% Citizen Potawatomi under tribal and federal law." He writes, "Our traditions for more than a thousand years have always been that our tribe is made up of those who 'share the blood of our forefathers.'"

He further informs us, "The blood you share is not diminished in each generation. Every enrolled Citizen Potawatomi shares a common history, blood, language, art, music, territory, and government. In the last edition, the Chairman, again, insists that, "There is no such thing as 'blood degree' in our traditions. That is an artificial definition of an Indian put out by the federal government to ultimately deny



their treaty obligations in the future by setting some arbitrary blood percentage. We are all 'full-blood citizens' with equal rights."

The Chairman realizes that, if blood degree was legal and binding, eventually our progeny, through intermarriage, would run out of such a degree of blood to qualify for citizenship in the tribe and citizenship would no longer be afforded to our future generations. So: Today, tomorrow, forever, we are, indeed, naturally blood brothers and sisters.

At our last legislature, I wrote and dedicated a poem to Chairman Barrett. The poem was inspired by Rocky's words concerning our common blood.

### Red Blood

On the outside,  
Though my skin be so pale  
The midday sun,  
It burns and pains;

On the inside,  
Indian blood churns  
And flows through my veins.  
---Paul Chrisstarlon Wesselhoff

## District #10 Rep. David Barrett

Bozho,

When you go to the grocery store, the sacker might ask you if you prefer paper or plastic - as the great debate lingers over which is better...paper or plastic. The actual cost of producing and disposing of either at the expense of the environment suggests that neither is a good choice.

Both types of containers require the use of valuable natural resources, produce numerous pollutants during manufacturing, and have negative impacts on wildlife; neither is effectively recycled. To get a better idea of the costs of grocery bags, one must follow their trail from "cradle to grave."

Polyethylene (plastic) bags are manufactured from petroleum, a nonrenewable resource. It's estimated that nearly 12 million barrels of oil are required to make the 100 million plastic shopping bags Americans go through annually which is 80 percent of the supermarket and convenience store packaging.

Of course, the trail of paper bags starts in our forests. 14 million trees were cut in 1999 to produce the 10 million paper bags used by Americans. In fact, according to the Film and Bag Federation, a trade group within the Society of the Plastics Industry based in Washington, D.C., paper bag production requires more energy, generates more solid waste, produces more atmospheric emission, and releases more waterborne wastes compared to plastic bags.

Advocates of paper bags point out that trees are a renewable resource, but it takes years to replace them.

What happens to the bags after they leave the store? Both bags have three possible fates: to be reused, end up as waste, or be recycled.

Many of us reuse some paper and plastic bags in our homes; however, most of the bags end up in our landfills, except for the increasing number of bags that litter the globe each year.

Plastic degrades, in our newer landfills designed to prevent material from decomposing and contaminating groundwater, it may take 20 to 1,000 years for plastic bag



to break down in the environment.

As waste, paper is bulkier than plastic, taking up more landfill space. Like plastic, it does not breakdown rapidly. A higher percentage of paper bags are recycled; however, the number of paper bags that end up in landfills is not as high as been stated. Also, because paper is biodegradable, it can be composted instead of thrown away.

Recycling of either type of disposable bags is extremely low. Only 10 to 15 percent of paper bags and 1 to 3 percent of plastic bags are recycled. Paper contains 25 to 40 percent recovered paper fiber compared to as little as 5 percent recycled content in plastic.

You will have to decide for yourself. The only true earth-friendly answer is to either reuse the paper and plastic bags we already have, or better yet, choose cloth or mesh reusable bags that you take to shop with.

On a separate topic, coming out of another legislative session, I'm proud to report that we passed eight bills from the Rules and Government Committee, two bills from the Natural Resources Committee, and two bills from the Health and Human Services Committee. Also, we covered a great amount of the Nation's business, such as approving the Fiscal Year 2009 budget. This featured a \$20 million reduction in total spending, compared to

the FY 2008 budget.

I want to recognize the hard, diligent work of the people who prepared the budget. Their work made budget review faster and much easier for the legislature than it

might have been.  
Megwetch,  
David Barrett/Mnedobe  
Legislator, District # 10

## District #11 Rep. Lisa Kraft

Bozho,

By the time you read this column, tribal legislators will have received next year's budget requests and already taken a stance on allocating the tribe's limited financial resources. Likewise, the adoption, amendment, or rejection of each of the administrative, programmatic, and enterprise funding requests will have been negotiated within the Appropriations Committee. And, by the time you read September's column, all approved budgets will have been entered into the accounting system. The tribe, like the federal government, begins its 2009 fiscal year on October 1.

With that being said, the months of August and September are full of opportunity. Many tribal programs will get the green light to continue their services and perhaps add employees. Other departments may be asked to streamline and allow existing employees to take on additional responsibilities. So, if you have been considering making an employment change within the tribe, taking on additional responsibilities in your respective program or enterprise, or simply looking for a new career opportunity with the tribe, now is the time to dust off your resume and get it to the Human Resources department.

For the self employed entrepreneurs among us, the federal government will have also gone through its annual budget process and will soon begin advertising for new contracting opportunities. This subject was on the minds of a handful of tribal members over Festival weekend. My advice to each of them was to contact their regional Small Business Administration (SBA) to learn about qualifying as a certified minority contractors under the 8(a) business development program. Visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) and [www.gpoaccess.gov](http://www.gpoaccess.gov) online to find a regional SBA and download Title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 124 (13 CFR 124) for a complete program description.

While this process can be daunting just like any other federal application, the payoffs of becoming an 8(a) company are enormous. For example, an 8(a) company,



in good standing with the SBA, can expect a 20-point evaluation advantage on federal proposals (RFP) or a 10% price adjustment on competitive contracts. The latter gives the government an alternative to awarding to the lowest bidder. So, if you think your business is at the top of its game, I can't recommend the 8(a) program enough. Once certified, you will be able to partner with large businesses to go after multi-million dollar contracts.

It is in your best interest as a minority small business owner to meet with the SBA, face to face. If you have already completed the 8(a) application, you will still be required to submit a business plan using the SBA's 1010c form before you can get into lucrative contracting. Rather than hiring an online company, may I recommend asking the tribe's Community Development Corporation if they can help you with the business plan for a reasonable rate.

If you have your 8(a) certification and a business plan but cannot locate federal buyers, begin making plans to attend the annual OSDBU Procurement Conference and Exposition in Washington, DC this spring. A list of past participating federal

agencies and primes looking for minority subcontractors is available online at [www.fbcinc.com/osdbu](http://www.fbcinc.com/osdbu).

If you are like most of us and can only fit in so much marketing, start your morning with a cup of coffee and your computer. Visit Federal Business Opportunities at [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov) for federal sources sought, requests for proposals, and solicitations in your vicinity. You can also search for awards made and get in touch with a prime to see if they need your services as a subcontractor. To find out which federal agency has been purchasing your services or products or plans to in the future, visit the Federal Procurement Data System at [www.fpds.gov](http://www.fpds.gov). Most importantly, if you have not already registered to do business with the federal government, go to the Central Contractors Registration (CCR) website ([www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov)) and begin the process today.

Federal buyers (i.e. Contracting Officers) routinely search the CCR database for contractors using only NAICS codes, location, and narrow down companies by their SBA certifications. A federal contracting officer can use his or her discretion to award to a single 8(a) company if they find insufficient competition and the award is less than the competitive thresholds (\$3 million for services/construction and \$5 million for manufacturing). Tribally-owned 8(a) companies are exempt from these dollar thresholds as well as competition.

In closing, August and September are months of opportunity. Get those resumes in and begin looking into the 8(a) program. If you think you are ready to partner with a tribal 8(a), contact our executive leaders and make a pitch.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.  
Lisa

## District #12 Rep. Paul Schmidlkofler

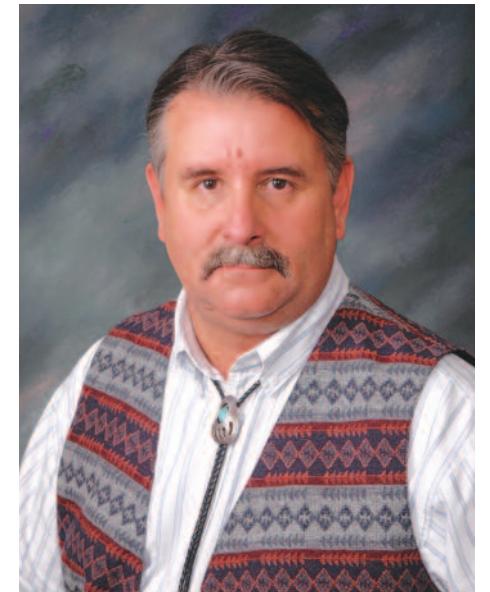
Bozho, nikan!

Having just spent a couple long evenings reviewing the Nation's next-year budget, it's nice to be back to normal. This was the first time under the new constitution. I believe it may have been a little eye-opening for some of the new legislators. Sometimes you just don't realize how big this organization has become. When you start going over each entity's budget, you begin to see that this has become a large corporation. For most it's just a vessel for funding the many benefits that the tribe offers. For others it is source of pride.

I easily remember the days when we were located in the little building up on the hill. My dad would often "volunteer" us older boys to come down to the site and help do things. I remember more than a few perfectly good Saturday morning late sleeps being ruined by the tribal grass needing mowing or some old tree that needed trimming or removal.

Chairman John Barrett has a funny story about a tree with poison ivy. I won't go into any detail... The point is that we have come a long way. And, yes, we still have a long way to go to reach where we want to be. But we are headed in the right direction.

I would like to comment on the "volunteer" remark in the previous paragraph. I say that in jest, of course. But, had my



father not gotten us involved, I probably wouldn't have been interested in running for tribal office. I might never have made that connection. I would like to encourage all the grandmas and grandpas to get your kids involved with their heritage. Without them there is always a chance that we may not have our best looking out for our future.

We started the Potawatomi Leadership Program a few years back. It has brought some of our best and brightest into contact with the tribe. But that doesn't have to be the only contact they have. Help encourage

them to become more involved during the Family Reunion Festival. There are several activities that are geared toward their being exposed to our culture and heritage there.

Take them to the Heritage Museum to see the exhibits. Check with the language department about maybe starting a beginner's class in Potawatomi. It is our hope that, during the coming years, the Districts will have activities that might be of interest. What I am really getting at is this is your tribe. Become involved.

I look forward to what happens over the next years as we continue to grow and explore new business avenues. I know that there is plenty of opportunity. We will strive to continue using sound, conservative business principles in our decisions as we go forward.

As always it has been a pleasure as well as an honor to serve this great nation and each of you.

Megwetch!

Paul Schmidkofer

Representative, District #12

## District #13 Rep. Bobbie Bowden

Bozho, nikan,

Those of you who, as I do, have children like me, have experienced a hectic time this past month. I don't know about you but getting back into the swing of school and homework is a major task for my children and me each year. With that being said, I hope this month's issue finds you all well and with peace of mind.

One of the benefits of being a tribal member for our children is having the availability of tutoring at school. I do not know if this is offered in every district but it has proven to be very beneficial to my children and has truly helped them to excel in their studies. I strongly encourage each of you to check with your school system and find out if this is something that is available for your children or grandchildren.

In last month's article, I stated that my goal is to provide you with information on some of our tribal traditions. I am not an expert by any means but have had the privilege of learning and getting this information from my friends and colleagues who are. With other members of the legislature, I sit in awe of their knowledge and truly hope that, with their help, I might pass some of what I am learning on to others and to my family.

This month I would like to provide you with Naming Ceremony Protocol provided by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

The traditional way to make a request to receive your Potawatomi Indian name is to give a gift of tobacco, as the request is made, to the person from whom you are requesting the name. You and your family must also plan a meal or "feast" to celebrate after the Naming Ceremony is completed. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation tradition is a covered dish meal. If others are receiving their names, the covered dishes will be shared. Eating utensils, paper products,



cups, and drinks are usually supplied by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

In addition, you need both a woman and a man to sponsor you for the significant role in your life. They are individuals who respect and care for you.

Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, Committeeman Paul Schmidkofer, and Justin Neely, Language Director, are available as namers for the Naming Ceremony. Anyone who has received a Potawatomi name is entitled to give a Potawatomi name.

The Chairman often incorporates the participation of these elected officials and Justin Neely in the Naming Ceremony.

If you have additional questions, please call Chairman Barrett, Vice Chairman Capps, or Justin Neely at 405-275-3121.

In closing, once again, I would like to thank each of you for the privilege of allowing me to serve you.

Megwetch,

Bobbie Bowden

Legislator, District #13

## Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale

Bozho, Nikan,

I hope and trust that you are all doing well. The Nation has been very busy the past two months. Our tribal legislature just finished a two-day session on the third and fourth of September. This was a historic meeting in that we went live to all the districts via the internet. The process went very well considering we were "first-timers."

This session was mainly made up of tackling the budget of the Nation. Because of all the various entities this becomes a very complex issue. I would like to thank all of the legislators for their diligent efforts in getting through such a task. I would also like to thank the accounting staff for all of the work they put in on preparing the budget workbooks.

In any budget process there is always give and take. But, we do have to live within our means. That being said, please support the Nation's enterprises whenever possible so that we have as many revenue dollars as we can to use to provide the services that are needed by our people.

We also sat in our committee positions to have the first formal Bills submitted to the legislature to be passed as Resolutions. It is really impressive to see how far our Nation has come. I cannot say enough about the quality and genuine concern that I see in our elected officials.



We are trying to compile an accurate list of all tribal members who have e-mail. Please take the time to forward yours to me at dtrousdale@potawatomi.org. This will enable us to communicate much more effectively on a direct basis.

Thank you once again for letting me serve you as your Secretary/Treasurer. We will continue to work together for the good of the Nation.

Megwetch,

D. Wayne Trousdale/“NETEMGIWSE”

Secretary/Treasurer

## Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Bozho,

Gary Bourbonnais, Chairman of the Election Committee, contacted the Executive Office this week to inform us that he is already preparing for the 2009 election. It was not a surprise call in light of all that must be accomplished to organize the annual election. There are accounting procedures to follow, forms to order, and dates to schedule for sending correspondence.

Mr. Bourbonnais has announced that the 2009 filing period is January 12, 13, 14. The filing period is mandated under the **Election Ordinance of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Article VI – Candidates, S6-102 Filing Period**. It reads: *A candidate must file by United States Mail received no later than the end of the filing period, or 5:00 p.m. of the*

**second Wednesday of January, or as designated by the Legislature.**

As of the end of August, our office had received a half-dozen calls with regard to the filing period. This is partially because of an expanded interest throughout our newly designated districts; thus, it is a good time to issue pertinent information to the voters.

The first step in preparing for any election year is the appointment of the Election Committee which was made by Executive Order #09-03, dated September 3, and passed by Resolution 09-22-R, dated September 4 - **A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of the Members of the Election Committee and Designation of Gary Bourbonnais as the Chairman of the Committee**. Other members of the Election Committee are David

Bourbonnais, Carrie Kieffer, Jenny Affentranger, and Tanya Peltier. The offices that will have elections in June, 2009 are the position of Chairman and Legislative Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, and #8. You can easily see that the Nation is preparing for another extensive election process. Additional articles regarding the election will be forthcoming in the next few issues of the *HowNiKan*.

Another point of interest at tribal headquarters is the good news from Michael Dodson's Public Relations department that he will soon be posting the *HowNiKan* on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Web site, www.Potawatomi.org. This is especially good information for the hundreds of tribal members who visit the Web site on a regular basis. Mr. Dodson conveyed that our members can look forward to reading the October issue on-line.

**(Editor's note: Work has been finished on scanning to computer EVERY edition of the *HowNiKan* that has been published. Initially, the *HowNiKan* archive will be placed on www.Potawatomi.org without a search function. However, a few months following its debut on the Web site, the Public Information and Information Technology departments will have built and installed a search function that will allow finding any *HowNiKan* article based on keywords.)**

The Nation has several projects scheduled to begin construction in fiscal year 2009 (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.) Most of the projects are tied to



grants and have been in the planning stage for several years. I am especially pleased about approval in the 2009 budget to expand our health facilities. It is the right time to do so. Our clinic was expanded in the late 1990s to 23,000 square feet in size. However, rapid growth in patient load has resulted in a dire need for additional space.

Both a small ambulatory clinic near the FireLake Grand Casino site and an expansion near our present clinic are planned. As usual, we will proceed with caution as we begin any project by staying closely tuned to the economic environment of both our former reservation area and the State of Oklahoma.

I continue to cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.  
Megwetch,

## NAHASDA Reauthorized

Washington, D.C. – On Saturday, September 27, Congress successfully completed its work to reauthorize one of the major Federal Indian laws relating to housing and community development. These decisive steps by Congress come after years of hard work by the Indian tribes, Alaska Native Villages, tribal housing authorities, and the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) to reauthorize and amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). H.R. 2786 is now on its way to the President's desk.

"Dilapidated and overcrowded houses lead to weak performance in school, poor health, and contribute to a hopelessness that few Americans witness as part of their daily lives. By re-authorizing NAHASDA, Congress has demonstrated incredible dedication to improve the dire housing conditions that

Native Americans face," said Marty Shuravloff, NAIHC Chairman.

Last year, Congressmen Dale Kildey (D-MI), Chief Sponsor of H.R. 2786, introduced the bill and has guided the bill through both houses to its final approval by Congress. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-SD), Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee, authored the final version of the bill in the Senate. Senator Dorgan prioritized passage of H.R. 2786 to address what he sees as the housing crisis for Native Americans. "This bill is more than just a housing act; it will give tribes more authority over their own land and truly help build stronger communities in Indian Country," said Dorgan.

Originally enacted in 1996, NAHASDA consolidated several federal housing programs into a single, formula-based block grant program, built on the solid foundation of Indian self-determination law and policy.

## Choctaw child battles leukemia Marrow donor drive helps to find matches



An Oklahoma Blood Institute bus parked outside FireLake Discount Foods to facilitate a Bone Marrow Registry drive.

Reported & written by LaVerne Douglas

With each potential donor's hopes of being a match for Tallie Anderson, a 10-year-old Choctaw tribal member, the FireLake Discount Foods' "Labor of Love" bone marrow and blood drive was a success on August 29. Concerned donors came from Norman, Newalla, Ada, Midwest City, Seminole, Tecumseh, and the Shawnee area. The donors took time out on a Friday to donate blood to the Oklahoma Blood Institute and join the National Marrow Donor Program registry.

Supporting the Anderson family in finding a donor match for Tallie and helping increase the number of American Indians on the registry were FireLake's goals for the event. "I work with Roger Anderson and his daughter Tallie is in need of a bone marrow transplant," Renee Hood said. "This is very important and we hope that people will donate because the Native American population needs it."

Becky Prewett said she also works with Roger Anderson, Tallie's father, and she encouraged Native Americans to donate. Prewett and Hood prepared their DNA swabs and added their names to the national database.

Leslie Gee, Citizen Potawatomi Tribal Heritage Project employee who is a Caddo tribal member and of Choctaw and Delaware heritage, said that a person might not know if she is a match for someone in need of a donor. "I'm here today to sign up and see if by chance I'm a match," Gee said. "We definitely need it for the Native American community because our



Arlene Wilson, NMDP Coordinator, explains the process for registering to be a bone marrow donor to, at left, Cindy Stewart, and, at right, Leslie Gee.

numbers are lowest as far as donors go."

"I think it is very important that we get out here and possibly be a donor (bone marrow) and also a blood donor as well to help those people who can't help themselves," said Cindy Stewart, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center employee and Choctaw tribal member.

Stewart is a descendant of Choctaw Chief Apuckshunnubbee, and her father is Paul Oakes of Hugo, Oklahoma. She said she knows that Tallie is in search of an unrelated donor, and she hopes one will be found among the people who registered for the National Native American Bone Marrow Donor Registry.

Roger Anderson, and Tallie's mother, Leslie Anderson, were on hand to greet donors. Leslie said Tallie chose to attend school and be with her classmates. She said Tallie and Christian, Tallie's brother,

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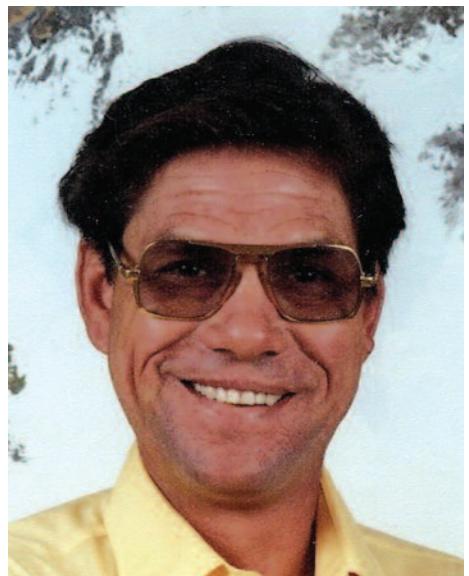
He was a professional musician, as well as an insulation salesman. He played in several Country & Western bands. Music was his life, providing entertainment for many. He was the "life of the party," and now he is playing with the angels.

He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jerry McLaughlin; a brother, Cecil McLaughlin; and a sister, Wanda McLaughlin.

Survivors include his wife, Cora, of the home; four daughters and their families: Vickie Brown of Texas, Toni Jones of Georgia, Terri Brokaw of Texas, and Misty Cantrelle of Missouri; two sisters, Barbara Demeter of Bakersfield, California and Colleen Henderson of Crestwell, Oregon; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and other relatives.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 8, 2008, with David Pollard officiating. Burial was in Prairie View Cemetery, under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh. To share memories or to sign the guest book online, go to [www.cooperfuneral.com](http://www.cooperfuneral.com).

**Dewey Rhodd**

Dewey Rhodd, 65, of Wellington, Kansas, died Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at his home, under the care of his family and Hospice in Wellington, Kansas.

Dewey was born on October 8, 1942, the son of Robert H. and Amy Ruth (Waymire) Rhodd in Alliance, Nebraska. The family moved to Dexter, Kansas when he was an infant. He later moved to

Nicoma Park, Oklahoma to live with his Aunt and Uncle Jack and Ollie Assmuson, who were very special to him. He attended Choctaw High School in Choctaw, Oklahoma, and graduated from Winfield, Kansas High School.

On June 3, 1961, he was united in marriage to Beverly Moore in Winfield. The couple moved to Wellington, Kansas in 1964. Dewey worked for the City of Wellington in the Electric Department for 35 years, retiring in 2003. He enjoyed studying the Civil War, science fiction, history, and his family heritage. In 1985, he received the A.B. Preston award for excellence in engineering. He was a member of the St. Anthony Catholic Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving to honor his memory are his wife Beverly Rhodd of Wellington; sons Randy Rhodd and wife Sharon and Dewey Rhodd and wife Barbie, both of Wellington; daughters Debra Gonzales of Wichita and Lynda Grizzle and husband Duane of Wellington; sister-in-law Vivian Rhodd of Winfield; special aunt and uncle Jack and Ollie Assmuson of Oklahoma; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents; three brothers Max Rhodd, Monty Rhodd, and Robert Hatten Rhodd Jr.; and sister Amy Joyce Vidricson.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wellington. Graveside Services were held the same day at 1:00 P.M. at the Dexter Cemetery. Visitation was held on Friday, September 26 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Rosary Services were held at 5:00 p.m. on that day at the Hawks-Shelley Funeral Home in Wellington. The family greeted friends following the Rosary from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. A memorial has been established with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Scholarship Fund and the American Cancer Society. For further information or to send a condolence, please visit [www.hawksfuneral-home.com](http://www.hawksfuneral-home.com).

**Carol Jean Dike Beavers**

Carol Jean Dike Beavers, born July 14, 1928 in Nampa, Idaho, passed away September 10, 2008 at home in Boise, Idaho surrounded by her loved ones. She will be remembered as a loving and caring mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt.

"I am standing upon the Seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to



the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud...Then someone at my side says, 'There, she is gone!' . . . Gone from [our] sight. That is all. . .for just at the moment when someone at my side says, 'There she is gone.' There are other voices [on the other side] ready to take up the glad shout, 'Here she comes!' . . . Henry Van Dyke

The other voices taking up the glad shout, 'Here she comes!' are her husband of sixty years who died in November of 2007; her father, Joseph E. Dike and mother, Vera M. Dike; and her daughter in law, Norma Beavers.

Carol was a world traveler, sailing to Asia, The Holy Land and the Mediterranean, Europe, Mexico, and South America, but her favorite place was the Oregon Coast. There she spent many happy moments at Cannon Beach with her family. Carol was a talented and prolific oil painter. Her family will treasure her pictures of the ocean, mountain scenes, farmlands, and flowers. She had a passion for lighthouses and collected them in her travels. The full photo albums record the family history as well as her travels and will be enjoyed by posterity.

Carol was proud of her Potawatomi heritage and lineage through Frances Bourbonnais and Catherine Chevalier Bourbonnais to Joseph Edward Dike. She was the Matriarch of the Dike Family and worked tirelessly on their behalf.

She is survived by her daughter, Debra Jean Beavers-Rudolph and her husband, Norm Rudolph; her sons and their wives, Carl A. and Barbara Beavers and Michael J. and Deana Beavers; her grandchildren, Carlee Beavers, Rebecca Beavers, Joseph and Lucia Beavers, Katie and Tyrel Dyer; her great granddaughter, Madilyn Jean Dyer; her three sisters, Norma M.

Mitchell, Nancy J. Olson, and Cheryl A. Ras and; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation arrangements were made by Cloverdale Mortuary of Boise, Idaho. A celebration of her life was held at Cannon Beach, Oregon for her family.

**Judith Helen O'Connor**

Lifelong Shawnee resident Judith Helen O'Connor died Wednesday, September 24, 2008, in Shawnee after a lengthy illness. She was born March 14, 1929, the daughter of Imogene Geraldine (DeGraff) and Julius William Horbach. She attended St. Benedict's Catholic school, graduating in 1947.

She married Michael Francis O'Connor of Konawa (Sacred Heart) on December 26, 1949, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. They had eight children: Susan Katherine Greene of Jacksonville, Florida, Laura Jean and husband Frank Suellentrop of Colwich, Kansas, Kevin Jerome (deceased), Teresa Jane Washburn of Shawnee, John Michael of Oklahoma City, Anthony Francis (deceased), Barbara Anne of Jacksonville, Florida, and Ardis Andrew and wife Kate of Paekaekariki, New Zealand.

Judith was a devoted and loving wife and mother, home-maker, lifelong parishioner of St. Benedict's Catholic Church, and a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (Navarre/DeGraff).

She was preceded in death by sons Tony (October 1995) and Kevin (October 2007) and her loving husband Michael in July 2004. She was preceded also by brothers Jerome Leo Horbach (April 2000) and William Richard Horbach (June 1984).

She has 10 grandchildren, Michael

Bryant Washburn, Christopher Raymond Greene, Julie Marie Rau, Samuel Jerome Washburn, Kathleen Elizabeth Suellentrop, Steven Francis Suellentrop, Kevin Charles Suellentrop, Anthony Jade O'Connor, Sophia Therese O'Connor, and Evelyn Judith O'Connor; four great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Jane and Michael Patrick Washburn (parents - Michael and Brandi) and Samantha Ashley and Lauren Nicole Washburn (parents - Sam and Nellie).

We acknowledge her lifelong friend Kathleen Mellinger who loved and supported her. Thank you to Genevieve Hawk for her daily visits to pray the rosary.

Judith has blessed us as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She will be remembered for her love of family, her generosity, her faith, and her warm hospitality. We will miss her lively conversations, her sharp wit, card games with her, and her home-cooked meals. She loved reading, traveling, and cooking.

Rosary was at 7 p.m. Friday, September 26 at Walker Funeral Service Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 27 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery, Shawnee.

## Relative Search

CPN member Beverly Willoughby is attempting to find a cousin whom she has not contacted in 20 to 25 years. Ms. Willoughby says the cousin's name is Julie Ann (Sousa) Fullam Warner. Ms. Willoughby remembers her cousin living in West Brookfield, Massachusetts at last contact.

Ms. Willoughby says Mamie Echohawk is a common relative for the pair. She is an aunt of both Ms. Willoughby and Ms. Warner.

Ms. Willoughby, who now lives in Pollock Pines, California, asked that anyone who has information about Ms. Warner contact the *HowNiKan*.

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### Shawl presented at legislative session

## Nation thanks Self-Governance Director Butcher



*Chairman John Barrett, center, and Rep. Lisa Kraft, right, honor Self-Governance Director Rhonda Butcher with the gift of a handcrafted shawl.*

The Citizen Potawatomi Legislature has honored Self-Governance Director Rhonda Butcher for more than a decade of contributions to the Nation's growth and financial stability. The Nation presented Butcher a handmade shawl during a recent session of the legislature.

CPN officials say that Butcher has taken the tribe from a position of contracting with the Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs to full compacting for those federal agencies' programs.

Butcher has negotiated each sequential funding agreement with those agencies on behalf of the CPN. The Nation's leaders say she stoo her ground for the tribe in talks with the BIA, ensuring that its request for beneficial constitutional changes did not get lost in a bureaucratic swamp.

During the nearly 12 years of her CPN tenure, Butcher she has written grant applications for and secured more than \$100 million in federal funding assistance to continue, expand, and provide new social and health programs for the Nation.

Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, and Legislative District #11 Rep. Lisa Kraft the shawl to Butcher during the legislature's late-June session. Rep. Kraft said, "This was the first traditional gift Rhonda has ever received through working for the tribe. It was also the first time I have seen tears in her eyes, either at work or outside of work."

The shawl's design incorporated Butcher's favorite talisman, the sea turtle, and the ocean where she and her family go to reconnect their hectic lives by scuba diving. "Like the sea turtle, Rhonda is magnetic (drawn to the right path), instinctual (in her negotiations), and plays an integral role in the overall system (i.e. the tribe's ecosystem)," Rep. Kraft said. "Hence, the design elements we requested to be part of the shawl's design."

The shawl was commissioned by the Nation and handcrafted by Leslie Deer, A CPN employee who is a very talented seamstress and dancer. "Leslie incorporated all of the sea elements we asked for and included alternating colors of fringe to mimic a sunset," Kraft said. "Leslie's artistic abilities are multi-faceted, from her intricate dance steps to her skills as a seamstress and designer. I imagine her one-of-a-kind designs will lead someone to invest in her, perhaps an exclusive shop at the new Native American Cultural Center or Oklahoma City Art Museum, with her pieces being collected and displayed as fine museum art."

Chairman Barrett added: "Rhonda is known throughout Indian Country and is well respected by her peers. She is among the most successful federal grant writers in the United States. We are thankful for her tireless devotion to our people and the pursuit of our Nation's ultimate goal of self-governance."

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ity. She commended the CPN legislature and clinic directors for "outstanding standards and continued support." She expressed her appreciation to the CPN family that she loves so much.

She spoke of her 14 years and the many strides that had been made to secure the physical and mental well-being of the Indian people she has served. In closing, she said, "God has a plan for me, and I intend to follow it through"

She plans to spend more time with her family. However, patients, clinic staffers, other CPN employees, and tribal leaders hope they have not seen the last of "one of the greatest nurses God has blessed us with."

The next day, the Wellness Center staff rose to the occasion, hosting a grand farewell bash for Randy Hall. Again, the house was packed. It was evident by the turnout that this hard-working man had touched many lives. The man of the hour was also presented a Pendleton blanket by Loretta Miller and Joe LaRue, "traditionally given from the heart with great love, symbolic of persons of importance," in the words of Vice Chairman Linda Capps.

Vice Chairman Capps expressed deep thanks for a job well done, noting the cleanliness of the medical facility and commanding Hall for being competent and honest. "You lead not with an iron fist, but a strong hand. You have set the stage for any other director that may come after."

Chairman Barrett also expressed thanks summed it up with, "You left it (the CPN clinic) better than you found it."

Hall will return to his home town of Shreveport, Louisiana, as some family members need his assistance. Asked if he has retired permanently, he said it will be strange not going to work every day. He ventured a guess that he might take on yet another challenge in the not-so-distant future.

These were two very emotional days honoring two truly incredible people. The lights will dim a little in their absence at the CPNHS, but the Nation is grateful for the beacons they have been. Each one has set into motion principles and professionalism that will be a tough act to follow. They will be missed by all.

## CPCDC earns more funding

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation (CPCDC), a non-profit loan fund and Certified Community Development Financial Institution, has been awarded a \$1,065,690 grant from the U.S. Department of the Treasury CDFI Fund. One million dollars of the awarded funding will be used for loan-making. The additional funds will be used to expand the organization's financial education and business development services and increase its capacity to deliver new financial products.

This award marks CPCDC's advancement from the Native American Initiatives Program (NACA), which funds smaller, Native CDFIs in their preliminary stages of development, to the CORE Program, which funds the established leaders of the CDFI Industry. CPCDC is the only Native group that received an award under the CORE program this year.

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation is one of 66 awardees selected from a pool of 225 applicants to receive a CDFI award; it is one of only 18 organizations that received an award in excess of \$1,000,000. This year's award also represents a 56% increase in dollar value from CPCDC's 2007 award, won through the CDFI Fund's Native American Initiatives Program.

CPCDC serves Citizen Potawatomi tribal members nationwide and all Native Americans throughout the State of

Oklahoma. It provides small business loans through its Micro Business Loan, Commercial Lending, and CPN Employee loan programs. CPCDC also offers business development services through provision of Individual Development Accounts, pre- and post-loan support, a variety of workshops, training opportunities, and seminars, and a financial education and credit counseling program.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation founded the CPCDC in 2003. It is one of the most successful Native organizations of its kind and has made remarkable progress in addressing lack of access to capital by successfully making more than \$8.5 million in loans to Native American entrepreneurs and creating more than 500 jobs in Native Communities since its inception.

Since 2003, CPCDC has also provided more than 2,894 hours of development services to 1,089 clients. CPCDC's impressive growth and success has, in large part, been possible due to the valuable strategic input and generous financial support it has received from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Government.

Native entrepreneurs looking for capital to expand or start a business or looking for business development services can contact the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation at 405/878-4697 or its executive director, Kristi Coker, at [kcooker@potawatomi.org](mailto:kcooker@potawatomi.org).

### CPN Events Schedule

October 18 - 3 to 7 p.m. - Legislative District #6 Office Open House - 1641 Grand Ave., San Marcos, California, Phone Number: 760-891-0727

October 28 - 6 p.m. - CPN Veteran's Organization Meeting, Cultural Heritage Center

November 8 - 6 p.m. - CPN Veterans Organization Veterans Day Celebration, Cultural Heritage Center

(This new *HowNiKan* feature is designed to provide notice of CPN-related events across the U.S. If you are planning an event or know of one, please send the information about it to Michael Dodson, *HowNiKan*, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 or [MDodson@Potawatomi.org](mailto:MDodson@Potawatomi.org).)

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are opposites when it comes to homework. Leslie said Tallie loves going to school, and she is happy when she has homework assignments.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 who wanted to become a potential donor was given the opportunity to participate. One person did not qualify because she was over 60 and a second interested citizen

was ineligible because of a spinal injury she received during a car accident.

On any given day, more than 6,000 men, women and children are searching the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Registry for a life-saving donor. They have leukemia, lymphoma and other life-threatening diseases that can be treated by a bone marrow or cord blood transplant.



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Loan Applications can be obtained from the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation (CPCDC). \$200-\$1,000 loans are available for terms of from 12 to 18 months. This loan is collateralized by investing the loan proceeds in an account at First National Bank. It is held by the CPCDC in your name. You make monthly loan payments, creating the credit history you've been lacking. At loan maturity, your money is released, and the funds are yours, the borrower's, to use to purchase an asset, payoff bills, or set up an emergency savings account.

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